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REV. B. H. BENTON

B. H. Benton Becomes State Evangelist Resigns At Taylorsville

Rev. B. H. Benton has accepted the state-wide work provided by R. G. LeTourneau, industrialist and Christian layman, under the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall. The work will feature evangelism and stewardship of life. The new worker comes to the position with a wealth of successful experience in these fields. He resigned the pastorate of Taylorsville last Sunday. The church accepted his resignation with regret, but with a feeling of pride that their pastor was judged worthy and capable of the state-wide task he was elected to do. He is serving several other churches (Continued on Page Two)

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Who Is In Prison? And Why?

By Margie P. McCall

There are prisoners from 18 states and Bermuda and Canada in the State Penitentiary in Mississippi, according to reports last year. Next to Mississippi is Alabama in the number of natives committed. Then Arkansas and Tennessee come, with Louisiana third, and Indiana fourth. Two years ago there were only 13 states represented. In addition to the ones named above, it is shown that Bermuda, Canada, Florida, Delaware, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia have one each in prison in Mississippi. Georgia, Illinois, Missouri and New York each have two.

In the religious realm, the Baptists have more prison population than the total of all other groups plus the number without denominational choices. Last year 228 prisoners claiming Baptist preference were received, as compared with 68 in all other religious groups, and 101 who made no profession at all.

There were 42 Methodists, eight Catholics and five Holiness members. Four claimed to be "Protestants". (Continued on Page Two)

DR. STORER'S SERMON THRILLS LARGE CONVENTION CROWD

Says Witnessing Solves Country and City Church Problems

SPIRIT OF CHRIST MEASURES CONVENTION'S WORTH

By A. L. GOODRICH

Miami, Fla. — Before one of the greatest crowds ever to attend a Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. W. Storer, popular pastor of the First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, thrilled his hearers as he delivered the Annual Convention Sermon on the subject "Christ's Clarion Call."

Dr. Storer briefly sketched the history of Southern Baptists during the past 100 years and called attention to the chaotic conditions prevailing when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Georgia in 1845, were not actuated by the dream of any empire other than that of Christ. Continuing Dr. Storer said: "The worth of this Convention as a missionary force is measured by the degree in which it is possessed by the

spirit of Christ . . . It would be the part of wisdom never to forget that the Holy Spirit is the immanent administrative energy of the Godhead in the affair of the New Testament churches of our Convention.

"The crowning glory of the churches from which our Convention draws its subtenance has been their fervent evangelistic spirit and the enlisting of Christ's redemptive work."

The text of Dr. Storer's sermon slightly condensed follows:

CHRIST'S CLAMANT CALL

(Acts 1:8)

By Dr. J. Storer, Tulsa, Oklahoma (Annual Convention Sermon, Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, Fla., May 15, 1946)

The limb of a tree grows to its fore- (Continued on Page Eight)



DR. D. H. McCALL

Dr. McCall To Visit Mission Fields In South America

Leaves By Plane May 31

BY A. L. GOODRICH

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will leave Jackson by plane on May 29 for a trip to the mission fields of South America. The trip will include visits to Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Panama and Yucatan.

The contemplated South American trip is the culmination of a lifetime dream. As a student, Secretary McCall dreamed of five trips to Eastern United States, Western United States, Europe and the Holy Land, the far (Continued on Page Two)

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Japanese Christians Plan Welcome For American Missionaries

Nippon Times Reports Signs Of Returning Christian Life

TOKYO.—(RNS)—An "All Japan Christian Followers Convention" has been formed here to welcome G. Ernest Bott and Paul S. Mayer who are returning as an advance party of a six man commission from the Foreign Mission Conference of North America.

The commission plans to reestablish Christian schools and hospitals and re-organize Christian Church life in Japan. It will facilitate reestablishment of American-Japanese church contacts, make recommendations to the military here and in America, and pave the way for the return of former missionaries.

Meanwhile there are growing signs of returning vitality to various spheres of Christian activity.

Rev. Isamu Chiba, secretary of the Japanese Sunday School Association, said that Forrest L. Knapp of the World Sunday School Association has mentioned the possibility of motion pictures being sent with the Christian literature which is already on the way. Rev. Chiba said that before the war there were about 1,600 Sunday (Continued on Page Two)

Forty-Four Foreign Missionaries Appointed

Three Are Mississippians-Six Former Chaplains On List

Forty-four new missionaries were appointed April 9 by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at its full semi-annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

The appointees include six former chaplains on terminal leave, 11 couples, 2 young men, 20 young women. They were assigned to seven countries as follows: 24 for the Orient and Hawaii, 10 for Nigeria, and 10 for Latin America.

The missionaries are, from left to right:

Kathryn Bigham, Rock Hill, S. C.; Thelma Branum, Bunceton, Mo.; Margaret Collins, Commerce, Ga.; Virginia Hagood, Greenville, Texas; Josephine Harris, Pineville, La.; Gladys Hopewell, Talladega, Ala.; William Carl Hunker and Jeanette Roebuck Hunker, Louisville, William Linville Jester and Daisy Hicks Jester, Louisville, Sherman Clyde Jowers and Alcie Mae Pettigrew Jowers, (Continued on Page Two)

Record Enrolment At Mississippi College

The contracts have been awarded to the M. T. Reed Construction Co., of Jackson and Belzoni for the construction of two buildings on the Mississippi College campus, the foundations to be started in the immediate future, according to President D. M. Nelson. Permits for the buildings have been granted by the Civil Production Administration and President Nelson states that he hopes to have the work completed in time for the Fall session. The grading has already been completed due to the generosity of R. G. LeTourneau, who, as his contribution to the Mississippi College Enlargement Program, sent some large "Turnapull" earth moving machines, each one capable of moving twenty square yards of dirt at a trip. The LeTourneau factories are located in Illinois, Georgia, Texas and Mississippi. Ray Gieszl is the efficient man-

ager of the Vicksburg plant. Spain and Biggers are the Architects for the two buildings which are to be a Residence Hall for two hundred young women, and an Administration Building.

Fifty trailers have been provided by the F. P. H. A. for the use of married veterans attending college and these have already been placed on a plot near the campus. Fifty more housing units have been promised, but it is understood that these are to be prefabricated houses instead of trailers.

A new term started May 7 with over one hundred new students already registered and others awaiting their turn. President Nelson stated that Mississippi College now has the largest attendance in its entire history. Applications for next session indicate that even with the added facilities, the demand for places will still be acute next Fall.

B. H. BENTON BECOMES STATE EVANGELIST

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In his present field including Mize, and is presenting his resignation to them immediately.

Intensely evangelistic and with strong convictions on the joys of rendering to God a full stewardship of possessions and life, the new state worker will be in great demand. He is what is called in the language of the street, "a man's man." Formerly a professional boxer, now a great hunter and fisherman, his zest for outdoor living is evident in every conversation.

Mr. Benton was born in Rankin county near Puckett. He was one of 12 children, and is a twin. In Puckett high school he belonged to the famous football teams from that school which made athletic history, playing four years.

Converted At 14

At the age of 14 years he accepted Christ and was baptized by Rev. Dan Moulder in Clear Creek. He was a regular attendant at Sunday School and both Baptist and Methodist preaching services during his early years.

When he was 17 years of age, the era of the "travelling fight promoters" came into prominence, and after attending a number of these exhibitions of boxing and wrestling, he "became interested, as many of the boys did, and began to fight, though without any intention of becoming a professional." In an accidental manner, he was catapulted into the arena that held him for several years, when one of the announced boxers became ill at the last minute, and rather than "call off the show" the one present challenged anyone to fight. The country lad from Rankin county accepted, and won the match. He was hailed by the promoters and appeared in many places on their programs.

However, it was about this same time that the "still, small voice" was heard, and he knew that God was calling him to be a preacher. In relating this part of his life, he said, "I felt the call to preach, but I am sorry to say that I answered the call in the same way Jonah did. But this call was the strongest impression of my life. I did not even tell my wife for a year that I had the call. Neither did I attend church for those two years, save once. Then came the depression. Of all the money made, none had been saved. . . It was Thanksgiving Day, in Jackson, when I made up my mind to answer the call that was never quiet. I had before me one of the best offers for an amateur fighter. But it did not appeal to me. I settled all accounts, gave my wife all the money except three dimes. I started out for New Orleans, with 30 cents and a heart full of joy that I was going to do what I knew long ago I must do."

Then followed many experiences, in which the Salvation Army people in New Orleans befriended him and offered to educate him in their schools. He entered, preached in their street meetings, prisons and other places. But after the examination on Bible teachings, because he could not honestly see the Scriptures as they did, it was decided that he should enter Baptist Bible Institute. To this day, while he was never commissioned in the Salvation Army, Mr. Benton declared, "I shall always be indebted to them for their kindness to me and my wife."

He did evangelistic work in Arkansas one year.

Baptized 500 In One Year

In one year he baptized 500 people, a thing not many preachers have had the joy of doing. The most he baptized at once was 125. He has served as pastor of 32 churches during his 12 years as a minister. Regarding his work as pastor he said: "It has proved to me that for a church to grow as it should, stewardship and tithing should be preached. While soul winning is first, a foundation must be built for the work to stand."

His college work was done at Copiah-Lincoln and Jonesboro College in Arkansas and in Mississippi College.

Many "fish stories" and hunting tales are told by Mr. Benton, including the time he shot one turkey and killed two—the second one having stood on the other side of the one he saw, unknown to him—and the time he caught a 54 pound catfish in water two feet deep! In deer hunting he has a record of bagging seven in nine seasons. However, no matter how interested he is in sports, his conversation turns back to the thing nearest his heart—the work to which he was called when just a country lad, and from which a glamorous sporting career could not woo him—**PREACHING THE GOSPEL.**

The Bentons have five children, a daughter, 16, ready for college; one 13; a boy, nine; a boy, eight, and a baby boy, four. The children are musical and all love the church activities. Mrs. Benton was the former Myrtis Jenkins of Jones county.

Dr. McCall believes that the coming of this earnest and energetic preacher into the work will be a blessing to churches who wish to organize for evangelism in unchurched areas, in outdoor meetings, and all sorts of revivals until the gospel will be preached in "every hollow and on every hill" in Mississippi. He recommends him to the Baptists of Mississippi and urges them to "keep him busy." He began work May 15.

Mr. Benton states that a tent 60x80 complete with top and side walls, poles and ropes is available for tent meetings. Seats are not included with the tent, however. He also has a public address system for use when needed. All communications should be addressed to Rev. H. B. Benton, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi, as his headquarters will be in the Baptist Building.

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WHO IS IN PRISON? AND WHY

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There were three Christians, three Presbyterians, and one each of the following: Nazarene, Church of Christ, and Episcopalian. According to these reports, which are average year after year, the Baptists have a deep responsibility in their prayers and interest in the prison population. Of the 1,800 total prisoners, it is likely that a very impressive Baptist number resides within the Parchman confines. (Already questions have been coming regarding supplies to be sent, and other indications that Baptists do feel interested in these men. Chaplain A. R. Beasley at the prison will see that all Bibles, Sunday School supplies, Training Union literature and books are placed where the donors desire them to be.)

The records reveal that last year almost half the prisoners were committed for crimes involving burglary, larceny and robbery. (It would seem

that all churches should stress the evils of covetousness, and preach stewardship of life to the young people and the old.) More than one fourth of them were sent up on conviction for manslaughter and murder. Assault to do bodily harm and all other crimes accounted for more than another fourth. Sex crimes accounted for less than four per cent, and this was higher last year than previously. (The underlying cause, liquor, does not show on the books. But the great majority testify it is at the bottom of all crimes.)

The ages of the prison population has shown a downward trend last year over the year before. Records in 1943-44 revealed that only nine people 15 to 20 years of age were sent to Parchman. But in reports of 1944-45 it was noted that this figure jumped to 103 people between the ages of 15 and 20 years. There are three prisoners between 70 and 80 years of age. The largest group lies between the ages of 20 and 30 years, totalling 148 last year.

There are almost 100 prisoners who cannot read or write. The population is a cross-section of humanity as to occupation. There are more farmers and laborers than any other division, with cooks, maids, housewives, carpenters, hotel porters, painters, truck drivers, waiters and dairymen next. Also found among the prisoners are blacksmiths, boiler-makers, welders, clerks, electricians, firemen, hospital orderlies, janitors, laundresses, mechanics, meat cutters, preachers, musicians, plumbers, plasterers, photographers, shoe cobblers, seamen, textile workers, sawmill workers, taxi drivers, stevedores, doctors and students.

In another issue I shall describe a visit to the Inmates' Gospel Service, and an interview with the only Jewish prisoner in the institution.

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FORTY-FOUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

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Chopin, La.; Colquitt Alexander Kennedy and Lorena Pfeiffer Kennedy, Fort Worth; Vivian Langley, Camp Hill, Ala. Second row: Mrs. Nova Marie Macormic, Neosho, Mo.; Helen McCubbin, Jefferson City, Mo.; William Robert Medling and Mary Louise Gulley Medling, Alcoa, Tenn.; James Ivey Miller and Winnie Marshall Miller, Dallas, Texas. Third row: Edythe Montroy, Drew, Miss.; Marion Francis Moorhead and Thelma Chandler Moorhead, Easley, S. C.; John Glenn Morris and Polly Love Morris, Atlanta, Ga.; Martha Morrison, Savannah, Ga.

Fourth row: Alfred Celso Muller and Elisabeth Jaccard Muller, El Paso, Tex.; Mary Evelyn Jones Quick, Mrs. Oz Quick, Hardin, Mo.; Frances Roberts, Columbia, S. C.; Farrell Edward Runyan and Elizabeth Barnett Runyan, Lucedale, Miss.

Top row: Marshall Sams, Waco, Tex.; Jaxie Short, Shawnee, Okla.; Cathryn Smith, Woodcliff, Ga.; Frances Tally, Greensboro, N. C.; Catherine Walker, Columbia, S. C.; Lillian Williams, Berea, Ky.; Mary-Ellen Wooten, Atlanta, Ga.

Not in the photograph are four other appointees: Charles P. Cowherd, Columbia, S. C.; Sara Betty Ellis Galloway (Mrs. Edward Galloway), Owenton, Ky.; and Samuel E. Maddox and Nadine Sanders Maddox, Carthage, Mo.

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The report of Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, for April shows that total contributions for the states of the Southern Baptist Convention amounted to \$605,655. Of this amount Mississippi ranked eleventh with gifts of \$28,991. Of this \$13,818 went to the Cooperative Program.

DR. McCALL TO VISIT MISSION FIELDS IN SOUTH AMERICA

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east and the mission fields of South America.

Dr. McCall visited the eastern part of the United States in 1928, covering 28 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. In 1936 he visited 17 of the western states and Mexico. In 1937 two trips—Europe and Holy Land and the Far East were covered in a trip around the world. This trip included 18 countries, 36,000 miles across three oceans, nine seas and parts of four continents.

In addition to the above trips Dr. McCall visited the mission field of Alaska, traveling by plane and train in May and June, 1945.

And everything is ready for the final and fifth trip. Passports, visas, plane reservations, local accommodations, police, health and vaccination certificates have been secured. One country required a promise not to work and another asked for a promise that no crime would be committed. Dr. McCall stated that he readily assented to both provisions.

D. A. McCall, Jr., will accompany his father on the trip.

The schedule follows:

Miami-San Juan—May 31.
San Juan-Port of Spain—June 1.
Port of Spain-Belem—June 3.
Belem-Manaos—June 5.
Manaos-Belem—June 7.
Belem-Recife—June 8.
Recife-Rio de Janeiro—June 11.
Rio de Janeiro-Buenos Aires—June 16.
Buenos Aires-Cordoba—June 22.
Cordoba-Santiago—June 23.
Santiago-Antofagasta—June 25.
Antofagasta-Arica—June 30.
Arica-LaPaz—July 1.
LaPaz-Lima—July 4.
Lima-Cali—July 7.
Cali-Bogota—July 8.
Bogota-Barranquilla—July 9.
Barranquilla-Balboa—July 11.
Balboa-Merida—July 13.
Merida-New Orleans—July 15.

(Editor's Note: Dr. McCall has promised if time permits, plane travel is fast, you know, to write some articles for *The Record*, concerning the things he sees and learns while visiting the South American mission fields.)

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JAPANESE CHRISTIANS PLAN WELCOME FOR AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

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Schools in Japan and possibly 1,000 of them were active throughout hostilities. Approximately 80,000 children are attending Sunday School now as compared with 200,000 before the war.

The Nippon Times reports that for the first time in years, Christians can be seen preaching the gospel along the Ginza. The paper also noted that many non-Christians are buying Christian literature and "requesting American Bibles prepared in Japanese script." These Bibles recently arrived here from the American Bible Society.

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Dr. William Hooper, successor as president of Wake Forest College, to Dr. Samuel Wait, was in 1832 pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. However, when a two or three-year-old child, to whom he was administering the rite of baptism, cursed him like a sailor, he became a Baptist.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." 1 Corinthians 1:23.

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS

First, present plans call for our leaving Jackson Wednesday, May 29, on our South American trip. We simply call this to your attention at this time so that if any person has in mind taking up any matter of interest concerning the work right away he should do so not later than next week. We will only be away on this trip two weeks longer than we took for the trip to Alaska. During our trip to Alaska the usual orderly procedure was observed in the offices and the work went along at the usual pace. The same should be true during the six weeks we expect to take for this trip to South America.

Second, another important milestone has been passed in Mississippi Baptist life. The month of April, 1946, cleared the Christian Education debit to the State Mission account. Thus, for the first time in twenty-five years or more the Christian Education account is out of "the red" and starts life anew with a surplus. We doubt if anyone will be more delighted than your Executive Secretary over the joyful experience of sending Christian Education allocations from the Co-operative program to our Christian colleges month by month. Our interest in Christian Education has been evidenced at different times and in different ways. We advanced Woman's College some expense money the first year or two we were in this office. With the knowledge and consent of the Education Commission we have advanced Clarke College a few hundred dollars that "meat and bread expense" might be met. With the knowledge and consent of the Education Commission we advanced Blue Mountain College a goodly sum in helping them meet a need. With the knowledge and consent of the Education Commission we advanced campaign expenses for Mississippi College which in turn has been repaid. It was understood that the advances to Clarke College and Blue Mountain College would be deducted from their Christian Education allocations this year.

Again Mississippi Baptists are headed onward, outward and upward!
MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

I

AT CALVARY by Porter Routh

HE WALKED WITH a slight limp, and I noticed a scar on his cheek as he came down the church aisle. His wife walked by his side, radiant and beautiful. A smile had erased those lines of worry which appeared when the word first came her husband's ship had struck a mine, and he was near death on a hospital ship near Japan.

Friends nodded and smiled as the couple continued their walk down to the customary pew. This was his first service in two years back in the home church. The organ signalled the opening of the worship service. The congregation stood to sing the first song:

"Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died, on Calvary."

As the great chorus swelled, his hand found hers by their side. I remember the night the news of the explosion came. Everybody in the church prayed for him.

"By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary."

Their eyes met as they sang the chorus again. The glistening tears reflected not only the soft light of the church, but they also reflected a greater light, a light of love, of godly joy and thanksgiving. Around them, heads bowed unashamed.

"Oh the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that bro't it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary."

The scar was gone now. It was covered by the glow of a Christian countenance. God had preserved him and he was back home for keeps.

"Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty, at Calvary."

Oh God! Must there be other young men go off to war?

Must there be other anxious and worried wives? Must there be other children who know Daddy only as a picture? Perhaps they cannot come back next time.

There may be no place for them to return. Forgive our sins of selfishness. Remove the blinds of bigotry and unconcern from our eyes.

Help us to see that peace can come, not merely when the leaders of the world gather at London, or Paris, or Moscow, or Rome, or Washington, or New York—but PEACE CAN COME ONLY WHEN MEN KNOW THE "PRINCE OF PEACE." Then, we will gather, one world, at CALVARY. AMEN!

II

CHURCH MISSIONS—ASSOCIATION MISSIONS—STATE MISSIONS!

Warren County Missionary, James H. Fairchild, Jr., is doing more than a creditable work right from the start. They took a census with amazing results. We imagine their findings would be typical in most any county in Missis-

sippi. Do such conditions suggest the neglect and the indifference of Baptists? The census listing follows:

Churches reporting—2.

Religious censuses were taken in four communities with 30 workers participating.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS RESULTS

No. having membership in a local church	Denomination
249	Baptists
167	Catholics
149	Methodists
42	Episcopalians
40	Waltersville, Baptists
37	Church of Christ
29	Christians
28	Presbyterians
13	Seventh Day Adventists
46	Members of ten other smaller denominations

In addition to the above, 167 Baptists were found who have never moved their Church membership from distant Baptist Churches.

No. having no church affiliation	Age Groups
146	Under four years
139	4 through 7
122	8 through 12
86	13 through 17
89	18 through 24
145	25 through 45
48	46 and above

(Note: State Missions supplements this work. Many of the associations will miss one of their greatest opportunities in failing to put on an associational evangelistic-stewardship-enlistment program with an associational missionary leading. Souls are in the balance! Do we really care?)

III

Recently on the same page in a Sunday's edition of a Memphis paper we saw two engaging presentations. A streamer headline announced that Uncle Sam's Military Might would be exhibited in the city. Underneath were pictures of mighty monsters of war and delicate instruments used by our military forces.

On the same page a three-column headline presented Jesus as a Friendly Fellow Going About Helping His Neighbors.

Consciously or otherwise, that news page set forth alternative ways of life open to men and nations. They may follow one but not both of those ways.

Even some churches have not taken the words of Jesus at full value as He said, "Love your enemies," and, "They that take to the sword shall perish of the sword." Listen to an occasional preacher talk and you see that he is thinking of himself, his way, his tenure of office rather than the salvation of the lost and the whole will of God.

Still the two ways are before us—"our way vs. His way"—"war vs. peace"—"life vs. death," et cetera.

IV

It was a real joy to be back in the Delta at Cleveland in another revival series. We were there five years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Charlie Treadway have proved to be superb leaders in one of our leading churches. We know of no other church of medium size facing greater opportunities or with more with which to do it. Some outstanding Christian men and women and young people furnish leadership in this church. President Kethley and the Delta State folks were cordial. Riley Munday is getting his B. S. U. program going. Henry Love led the singing and he is one of the best. Incidentally, he should be brought back to Mississippi whether the Floridaites like that idea or not. They have had over 400 additions in three and a half years and we had fifteen or more during the meeting.

The saints at Skene observed homecoming day and we had the privilege to visit them and speak to a fine congregation in the afternoon. Pastor Skutt is happy in the work and leads in a fine way. This is another fine community.

These engagements closed twelve consecutive engagements including five revivals, nine state conferences and conventions, a few banquets and supplying an occasional pulpit. They have been very happy and very busy days! Doxology!

V

Secretary E. C. Williams and his department are to be congratulated on the very fine program presented in the Sunday School Conventions at Hattiesburg and Jackson. Dr. C. C. Warren and Dr. J. M. Price were at their best. Our southwide Sunday School workers were most helpful and our state speakers made a real contribution.

We were privileged to meet with a few friends in a luncheon at the Walthall Hotel honoring Dr. and Mrs. W. Douglas Hudgins. Other luncheon guests were: Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. John Newport, Lt. O. L. Malone, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace, Rev. and Mrs. Percy Cooper, Dr. and (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Of the above 775 having no church membership, 581 express Baptist preference or have no preference.

Surely the above figures make clear the direct challenge and responsibility which Baptists have in providing for these who indicate a Baptist preference.

Things You Can Do

1. Be genuinely Christian yourself.
2. Each day tell someone of Christ Jesus.
3. Make a prayer list of unbelievers.
4. Pray for these individuals each day.
5. STUDY your Bible.
6. Volunteer for work in one of the mission projects.
7. Pray for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in Warren County.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14).

"God will fairly flood your life with all the power He can trust you to use wholly for Him."—S. D. Gordon.

"Each Christian, professing to be such, is either a missionary or a mission field." Dr. Scarborough: "It is a sin to be a little Baptist to this big age of big things."

What we do for ourselves alone dies with us, but what we do for the world and others remains and is immortal.

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Mother-In Law

Each year we observe Mother's Day. Eulogies are written, presents are given and our brains are taxed to find new ways of showing mother that we DO love her. She deserves everything that we do, say or write and much more.

But without taking one iota of devotion or prestige from Mothers, we want to call attention to a group of women, who are woefully neglected when words of praise are passed around—OUR MOTHERS - IN - LAW. Without making any claims for superior appreciation, we do want to express our gratitude for the mothers-in-law.

Countless foolish things and cruel deeds are on our page in the book of life, but, at least, we do not recall that we ever told a joke at the expense of the mothers-in-law.

True it is that some of them create friction, or seem unduly dictatorial. But in most cases this is because of their devotion to their own child and his or her chosen partner. Of course, there are some exceptions to this.

We have known many mothers-in-law who gave, and gave and gave. They often sacrificed time and comfort, and contributed service and money to the in-laws in an effort to make their burdens lighter and their lives happier. Many times the mother-in-law is laboring late in the night to make something that the in-law should know how to make, but doesn't.

How her cheeks glow at the accomplishment of an in-law! How she speaks up for them, promotes them and loves them.

Without discounting in the least the love and sacrifices of mothers, we feel that mothers-in-law also deserve words of praise and deeds of love.

A message we heard recently spoke of the mother-in-law as a "mother in love." Surely there are opportunities for mothers-in-law to prove themselves mothers-in-love, and also for sons and daughters

Vulgarity The Sole Claim For Many Current Best-Sellers

The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, has the following to say regarding a subject that is timely. Editor Hederman has said this better than we can, so we quote his words:

"We don't care to give it any free advertising by mentioning the name, but Sterling North, reviewing a book in the Atlanta Constitution, pertinently quotes one of the characters of the novel as saying: 'Don't mind my vulgarity, will you? I'm naturally a very vulgar person.'"

Mr. North then answers the character thus:

"Think nothing of it, Oklahoma gal, you're in a vulgar novel by a vulgar writer, in a year when vulgarity is selling books," and adds that you can't be any more vulgar than the characters in current novels by authors he names.

"We wonder whether the reviewer's sarcasm will curb or stimulate sales of the reviewed book in the Atlanta territory? For Mr. North is eminently correct when he says that this is a year 'when vulgarity is selling books.' The only claim that can be made for some of the so-called current best sellers is that one may be a little more blatantly vulgar than another."

So Many Don't Go

We heartily agree with a reader who wrote: "I was so impressed with the article and picture in The Record about the church at Parchman Prison. I think there is a big work at that place for Christians to do. And those poor prisoners going to church under a gun and SO MANY DON'T GO THAT ARE FREE!"

We fail to appreciate many of the blessings of life until they are denied or become scarce.

Many of the prisoners at Parchman would be free today if they had gone to church instead of places of sin.

And many who are free today will be prisoners at Parchman or elsewhere in the future because they refuse to attend church while they are free.

Judge Fawcett of Brooklyn, New York, said that of the several thousand juvenile cases coming before him only two were regular Sunday School attendants.

Those who are free should appreciate the privilege of church attendance and go now where guns are not needed.

Mothers-in-law to recognize and discover traits that will change the feelings and barriers, which arise from the term "in-law" to "in-love."

Names Needed

On a recent trip through Virginia and North Carolina we were glad to see that many churches had the church name, pastor's name and in many instances the date of organization of the church.

May we commend this custom to our Mississippi churches. Often we pass churches in county, town and city and wonder about the name of the church and who the pastor is.

Churches can increase their usefulness and make their ministry more effective and efficient if they will plainly print the name of the church on the church or on a bulletin board. And in either case use letters large enough to be legible from the street or road.

The cost of erecting such a sign or bulletin board would be small, but it would be money well spent.

Show enough pride in your church to put the name on it. And then make your church worthy of that name.

Layman Asks A Question

The other day a layman, a member of a Baptist church, asked us the following question: "What shall we do at our church? The pastor we called not long ago is preaching some doctrines that are not Baptist." Then the layman explained what the new preacher was expounding which is not in keeping with the doctrines of Southern Baptists.

"What shall we do?"

That is hard to say, now.

The thing should have been done BEFORE the church called the preacher. Churches should investigate what the beliefs of the preacher are BEFORE THEY CALL HIM.

Of course, someone will say, "Churches should be able to call a Baptist preacher without worrying about whether he will preach the things they told as true practices for Baptist churches." They are right. They should be able to do it. But the fact remains that they cannot, and so the sensible thing to do is to make careful, specific and thorough investigation, frankly and honestly BEFORE CALLING A LEADER. This is one case where "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

We quote from a clipping given to us recently, dealing with this same thought:

I fear that we do not realize what is happening right here among us and affecting our Southern Baptist people. Our Lord Jesus Christ, taught the world, how to be saved and I am disturbed because many Baptist preachers are not preaching His doctrines. Seemingly, they are trying to

make a name for themselves and not for Him.

I am disturbed—because preachers (not sanctioned by the denomination) are going out as Baptist Evangelists, getting into our Baptist churches and confusing the minds of our people to the point that they do not know what to believe about their own denomination. War and postwar periods are times of unrest, unbelief and confused minds, and they present an opportunity for unethical, unsound, undemocratic and unchristian-like leadership to get hold of the minds of some of our people.

Personally, we feel that a preacher who is not in accord with long established teachings of his church should have a little conscience on the matter of accepting the salary when he does not believe as they do. We would also like to ask a question: "If the SPIRIT leads in calling, will churches have this trouble?" Think it over!

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL!

BY HAROLD E. INGRAHAM

Business Manager,

Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Everybody who can ought to go to Sunday School!

Honestly, isn't it as important that you should go as it is that anyone else should go? For what would America be without Sunday Schools?

At Sunday School we study the Bible, the greatest study on earth, the very Word of Almighty God. And the Bible is the one essential study.

Essential because it contains the knowledge of God's redemptive love and shows us how to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ!

Essential to any sort of personal well-being and happiness!

Essential to any adequate and completely decent home life!

Essential to that strong church life which builds a community. Essential to state and national integrity! And today, it is essential to any continuing world order. A great world must turn to God's Word and God's Christ or we face the end of civilization as we know it.

Yes! The study of the Bible is an absolute essential. And the Sunday School is the greatest existent means for the accomplishment of Bible study.

Americans Are Hope

Americans who attend Sunday School are the hope of the world, the hope of our nation and the hope of the state and community. Men and women who attend Sunday School are the hope of the churches, the hope of the home, and of coming generations.

Attend Sunday School and you contribute to moral and civic righteousness—not to looseness, neglect, and violation of the laws of God and man. Attend Sunday School and you build into your life a familiarity with God's Scriptures and thus avoid spiritual illiteracy.

The Sunday School draws the best
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people together in the best place under the best influence on the best day to teach the best book for the best possible purpose.

The Sunday School saves lives, builds character, fosters morality, prevents crime, and strengthens every good phase of our American way of life.

The Sunday School challenges good works, provides an opportunity to serve God, develops personality, and produces leadership in the realm of the spiritual.

The Sunday School presents the law of love which is mercy and kindness, not the law of justice which is hard. It denies the natural philosophy of the survival of the fittest and provides a ministry to the weakest.

The Sunday School excludes clanishness and extends a hand of welcome and a message of redeeming love to all persons everywhere.

Merits Attendance

Thus the Sunday School merits the attendance and support of all good men and women.

The children need the Sunday School—they love to go. Even more does youth need the Sunday School—and youth responds to its challenge. Women need the Sunday School to assist them to face the issues of mature responsibility.

Men need the Sunday School. Miss Blossom Thompson, Georgia Sunday School worker, tells of a four-year-old who went to Sunday School and, after returning, rushed to her father (who did not go), climbed on his knee, brushed the Sunday newspaper aside, and said, "Daddy, look what I drew in Sunday School! This is a picture of our family in church. That's mother and that's brother and this is me!"

The daughter paused for a minute and then said with some concern, "I hope you notice, Daddy, that you are not in the picture." And that was the touch that led the father to attend.

In the Old Testament, Moses said, "Gather the people—that they may know the law of God! That is the appeal of the Sunday School. And I beseech you, every one of you, that you be a part of that gathering."

Go to Sunday School!

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Lt. Colonel Alvie L. McKnight, a native of Eupora, chaplain in the Army, has made a record of which Mississippians can be proud. He has served in many important places, and was awarded a number of honors, among these being the Legion of Merit recognition presented by Brigadier General Luther D. Miller. Lt. Colonel McKnight is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary. He served as pastor at Morris Chapel, Lorman and Hermanville, Miss., and Sanders, Ky., before entering the chaplaincy.

R. J. McCracken, 42-year-old professor of church history and philosophy in McMaster University, Baptist institution in Hamilton, Ont., has been called as pastor of the Riverside Church in New York to succeed Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Dr. Ray Sumers of the Southwest Seminary was the guest speaker in the Ellisville revival. His messages were scholarly, spiritual, Christ-magnifying, and presented with earnestness and conviction. The church was helped, and several additions resulted from this series. The results will be felt for a long time in the community.

—George Nichols, Pastor.

First Church, Gulfport Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Membership Now 1839--220 Added In 1945--Building Planned



First Baptist Church at Gulfport, and Dr. H. T. Brookshire, pastor, rejoice over the splendid Golden Jubilee held on May 5. This historic church was organized in 1896 with eight charter members, and met first in a boxcar until a building could be secured. B. Havard is the only living charter member. Among the pastors who have served are: Rev. J. J. Mathis, Rev. L. E. Hall, Rev. J. R. Johnston, Rev. W. C. Grace, Rev. J. B. Leavell, Rev. R. L. Gillian, Dr. Feldman, Dr. Mahoney, Dr. Whitfield, Dr. W. A. McComb, Dr. B. Locke Davis and the present pastor, Dr. H. T. Brookshire. The church was admitted to the Gulf Coast Association in 1896.

The church now has 1,839 members on the roll. From a Sunday School with 179 enrolled in 1904, membership now has grown to 749. From a Training Union enrollment of 36 in 1902, the present enrollment has attained 142. From a Ladies' Aid, with 26 members in 1904, the Woman's Missionary Union has grown to 130, with eight auxiliaries with 96 enrolled. Judge J. L. Taylor was chairman of the Board of Deacons many years.

The church directory shows the following in addition to the pastor: Mrs. Carl Smith, educational director and choir director; Miss Ann Broyles, secretary; Mrs. Langdon Head, organist; Mrs. Jack Breed, pianist; S. K. Ward, Sunday School superintendent; B. V. Harper, B. T. U. director; C. L. Bullock, Brotherhood president; Mrs. H. T. Brookshire, W. M. U. president; D. M. Russell, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Henry H. Legett, church clerk and Donivan Shaw, treasurer.

In the music life of the church in addition to the senior choir, a junior choir functions with Miss Clarice Hutchins as pianist and Miss Nelle Campbell as director, and the Training Union sponsors a girls' ensemble.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board, delivered the sermon and an offering for a new building was received at the morning service. Dr. L. G. Gates led the morning prayer. An anniversary tea was held Sunday afternoon which throngs of friends from other churches of Gulfport, and Baptists from all over the association attended to share in the happy occasion.

The church faces the future with optimism, and looks back on the first 50 years, as history to challenge to a greater achievement in the days to



DR. HENRY BROOKSHIRE

come. With a financial goal of \$31,000 this year and efforts toward erecting an adequate building, the forward-looking membership rejoices in the fact that last year 230 additions were reported, with 110 of these by baptism. The anniversary week, May 5-12 was celebrated with a revival led by Dr. T. D. Brown of Hattiesburg, in which great refreshing of the membership and blessing to the community resulted.

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We appreciate a list of twelve renewals from Arlis Bryant from Poplar Springs Church, Calhoun County. We like to see the subscriptions come for it means more people have access to the Baptist Record and will become informed on Baptist affairs.

D. S. McDonald recently sent renewals for 24 Baptist Record readers from New Hope Church, Leake County. We appreciate this list.

CHRIST SET THE WORLD ARIGHT by Dr. Walter A. Maier. This is one of a series of annual volumes containing the messages by Dr. Maier on the radio network, "The Lutheran Hour". This is the best of the series. Here is great preaching, passionate preaching, timely preaching. The sermons are important in subject, clear in outline, full of splendid illustrations, and thoroughly scriptural. Published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis at \$1.75. All the power and fervor which characterized these addresses when they were delivered on the Lutheran Hour have been recaptured and preserved in the pages of this inviting volume.

Baptist Church Is Organized Near Vicksburg

A new Baptist church has been organized in the Calkin Academy community, six miles from Vicksburg, and 19 people qualified as charter members.

Temporary officers of the church are Rev. James Fairchild, Jr., Warren County pastor for Baptist Extension, and M. J. Gallagher, church clerk. Bible school, Training Union, worship services and prayer services will be held weekly. At an organizational meeting held Sunday afternoon, April 28, Rev. Fairchild presided over a session in which details of the church were determined. Speakers were Rev. H. W. Roberson, pastor of the Bowmar Avenue church, and Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor of First Baptist.

An examining council was composed of members of the committee for Warren County Baptist Extension: J. E. Blackburn, J. E. Glenn, Roy Blades, Dan Emerick, Dr. Haworth and Rev. Roberson.

The charter members include: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Mrs. L. M. Jones, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snyder, Mrs. W. C. Corbin, Mrs. Sidney Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Keys, Mrs. Lula M. Hopkins, r. and Mrs. P. H. Irwin, Mrs. Edith Beasley, Mrs. C. T. Beasley, Mrs. H. D. McBroom, Mrs. W. F. Hodge, Mrs. Fannie Mallory, Mrs. E. A. Tucker and Mr. A. C. James.

Special services were held May 5-12 under a brush arbor built on the location of the future church building.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS by D. A. McCall

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board recently met in the office of the Executive Secretary with the following members present: John D. Davis, President; J. D. Ray, Vice-Chairman; George H. Gay, Recording Secretary; R. D. Pearson, G. O. Parker, E. D. Hurst and James B. Parker. The days of the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton were confirmed as for February 25-28.

No action was taken regarding the adoption of the Widows Supplemental Plan. Applications were heard for building aid, pastor aid, B. S. U. aid and associational missionary aid and the committee was able to make grants to all save in two or three instances.

Proper encouragement and help were given the Woman's Missionary Union as they move out in their camp building program.

The committee heard that the Le-Tourneau Foundation had, after further consideration, decided to continue their support of evangelism and stewardship. Dr. Lang was heard regarding the summer Bible institute program for Negroes and an appropriation was made.

Dr. J. D. Ray reported on the work of the committee assigned to the task of presenting to the Mississippi Legislature the importance of an amended law allowing certain religious bodies to hold certain properties. Appreciation was expressed to Legislators who led in this movement.

A joint session was had briefly with the Mississippi College Board of Trustees for the purpose of hearing the report of the general director of the Enlargement Campaign.

The usual spiritual and harmonious atmosphere pervaded the entire session.

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

Enthusiastic response to the leadership of Rev. C. C. Carraway at Issaquena Baptist church is in evidence. During a series of services last week 39 were added to the church, 18 being for baptism. A Woman's Missionary Union has been organized. Mrs. J. F. Scull, associational W. M. U. Superintendent, was the guest speaker. Interest in Sunday School is growing, with 107 in attendance last Sunday. Renewed interest in B. T. U. is also noted. Pastor and people working together in a stewardship program, announce that more than 20 families have signed tithers' cards.—Mrs. Troy Sandifer.

Louise Oliver, Kosciusko, has been elected president of the 1946-47 junior class of Blue Mountain College. Other officers named were Jean Lovett, Memphis, Tennessee, vice-president; Laurella Owen, Clanton, Alabama, secretary; Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine, treasurer; Harriet Lowrey, Blue Mountain, representative on the student government council.

First Baptist Church of New Orleans on May 5 celebrated the ninth anniversary of Pastor J. D. Grey. During these nine years a total of 4001 persons have joined the church. The membership is now 3005. The budget has grown from \$26,800 in 1937 to \$106,800 this year. The church has over \$100,000 in bonds and is planning a building program for the near future.

Mary Ann Durham, Itta Bena, has been elected permanent president of the class of 1946, which graduates from Blue Mountain College in June. Other officers are: vice-president, Corrie Mae Porter, New Albany; secretary, Marjorie Donnell, Blue Mountain; historian, Mary D. Leavell, Tampa, Florida.

John S. Rester, treasurer of Union Church, Pearl River County, sent a second list of names in recent weeks subscribing to the Record. We appreciate the work of our clerks and treasurers in helping to keep subscription lists up to date.

Memphis, Tenn.: Pastor J. S. Riser of Central Avenue Church and formerly pastor at Blue Mountain, reports that he baptized 24 who had been received during the regular services on the night of April 21. During his pastorate of forty months there have been 390 additions, an average of almost ten per Sunday.

We appreciate a recent list of ten new subscriptions from Mrs. George Lassett, Sr., clerk of Good Hope Church, Perry County. These subscriptions helped us over the 53,000 mark in circulation.

Death has taken four well known Southern Baptists in recent weeks. From Texas comes news of the death of Mrs. W. W. Barnes, wife of the professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. R. T. Bryan, 57 years a missionary in China. From Illinois word comes of the death of E. H. Zippredt, superintendent of the Illinois Baptist orphanage, and Miss Mary Kelly, long time missionary in Illinois.

The young mother was terrified. While visiting several hundred miles from home, her baby had been bitten by a dog. What if rabies should set in? Should she notify her husband and perhaps worry him unnecessarily, or wait and see? Finally, she sent him this telegram: "Something terrible has happened, but please don't worry."

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Y.W.A. Camp At Ridgecrest

June 12-20

Chartered bus will be used. The first 33 who make reservations can travel with the group. We will have to make some other arrangements for the others.

We need \$2.00 from each girl planning to go—her name and address—This MUST reach me by May 20th!! We already have the 33 passenger bus nearly filled. We need to hear from you if you are planning to go!

The travel plans are: Leave Jackson Monday morning, June 10 at 6:00 a. m., from the front of the new Baptist Building, going via Meridian and on to Chattanooga that night, arriving around 9:30 p. m.

Anyone wanting to board the bus in Meridian be at the Southern Bus Line Station at 8:00 o'clock a. m. We plan to spend Monday night in Chattanooga, Tuesday will be sightseeing in Chattanooga and we will also spend Tuesday night there. We leave early Wednesday morning and reach Ridgecrest around noon Wednesday.

Returning: We plan to leave Ridgecrest Thursday morning, June 20 and come via Atlanta and on to Birmingham that night. Leave Birmingham Friday morning and arrive in Jackson, Friday, June 21.

You will need to reach Jackson in time to board the bus there or let me know where you plan to board it.

Miss Nell Taylor, our new Young People's Secretary, will chaperone the

group. Reservation for our group is in the Red Bird-Blue Bird Cabin (Nearest cabin to the lake).

COST OF TRIP:

Registration fee (to be sent to me by May 20th) \$ 2.00
Bus Fare 16.50
Room and Board at Ridgecrest 15.00
Expenses en route, (personal matter) ????

There will be 2 nights going and 1 returning plus meals ????

\$33.50 plus

RESERVATION:

(This is necessary to assure you a place on the bus). Send to me \$2.00 not later than May 20th—then we will send you further details of the trip.

WINDOW OF Y. W. A. Watch it for general announcements! Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

There Will Be Much To Do . . . for mind and body and soul—

In The Morning — Inspirational Bible Hour, conferences and workshops.

In The Afternoon—Planned recreation: Sports—swimming, tennis, badminton, shuffle board, ping-pong, ball games, scheduled hikes and scenic trips . . . or handicraft, music, relaxation and meditation . . . then Inquiry Groups.

In The Evening — Vespers at the lake, Inspirational Message, sometimes a campfire or a moonlight walk, and then Good Night.

Rev. N. G. Hickman, who entered the armed services as a chaplain in July, 1943, is being released and will be available for a pastorate. As a chaplain he saw service in Korea and the Philippines. Before serving as a chaplain Rev. Mr. Hickman was pastor at Sardis, Winona and Indianola. Some Mississippi church should call him. His present address is 142 Valley Street, Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. U. C. Kaufman have been appointed by the Home Mission Board as missionaries among the Indians at Sells, Arizona. Rev. Francisco Melendez becomes a Home Mission Board missionary as pastor of Gethsemani Baptist Church in Guatemala City (Central America). Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Rand will serve in the Chinese mission in Phoenix, Arizona.

On May 19 the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor, will observe its ninety-fifth anniversary with a round-up on its \$200,000 fund for the erection of the B. H. Carroll Educational Building. The church is experiencing a period of gratifying progress. During the month of April it received, largely through personal soul-winning, more than one hundred new members, sixty of them by baptism.

It was our privilege to have Rev. W. L. Day of Louisville to preach for us in our recent revival at the Stone-wall. There were 21 additions to the church, 17 of them on profession of faith. Brother Day brought heart searching and inspiring messages throughout the week.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

Every married couple and every couple contemplating marriage should order a copy of MAKING THE HOME HAPPY by R. T. Cross. The book is for sale by Rev. C. S. Wales of Blue Mountain. His ad appears in another column. Chapter headings are: A Husband's Love, A Wife's Love, The Responsibilities of Parents, Children in the Home, Brother and Sisters in the home, Family Worship in the Home, The Method of Family Worship, A Home and How to Get It. A companion book, also sold by Rev. Mr. Wales is HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HOME. It has chapters on the following subjects: How to Have a Happy Home, The Husband's Responsibility, The Wife's Responsibility, The Children's Part in the Home, Responsibility and Opportunity of Brothers and Sisters, The Memories of Home. These are worthwhile books and should help anyone who reads them.

Training Union work in the Columbus Association is on the upgrade, according to a report from Rev. Boyd Armstrong, county missionary. At least six of the 11 churches in the Association have held training schools within the past two months. These are: Columbus East End, Columbus First, Columbus Calvary, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Vernon and New Salem. More than 250 awards were applied for. Similar work is being planned for other churches in the Association. At least seven new unions have been organized in the Association recently and other new units are being planned. Brother Armstrong reports splendid cooperation from Training Union workers in the county.—Joe Abrams.

New W. M. U. Officer



MRS. LESLIE E. WADE

Mrs. Leslie E. Wade, Waynesboro, Mississippi, newly elected W. M. U. superintendent for Wayne County. Mrs. Wade, formerly Jane Taylor of Rankin County, is enthusiastically beginning her task of leadership for the W. M. U. ladies. She will preside at the Young Peoples' rally which is to be held at Evergreen Baptist Church July 11th.

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May fifth marked the first anniversary of Dr. William Potter as pastor of Carthage Church. There have been 60 additions. Plans for a new educational building are underway, and a Hammond organ has been purchased. Progress has been made in both Sunday School and Training Union. Three new unions have been added.

Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Jr., organist for First Church, Vicksburg, will present an evening of organ music for music lovers on May 28 at 7:45. Friends who live near Vicksburg are cordially invited to attend this recital.—Hubert L. Bass, Church Reporter.

The Baptist Record has received an article in an envelope postmarked Jackson and signed "A Christian Member." Not knowing the name of the writer we take this means of saying, "The Baptist Record does not publish any unsigned articles."

J. C. Allen (Choctaw Indian) and licensed minister, has placed his personal library of 59 books (value \$53.60) in their church library. The church librarian is Stella V. Allen. In this way many who cannot buy the books may have access to them from week to week.

Condition of Doctor Charles Daniels, long-time Southern Baptist leader, was called hopeful in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital after he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

George Barr of Chicago sent out 500 \$1.00 bills to names picked from a telephone book in an effort to raise money for cripples. 411 replied and sent a total of \$2,069.50.

\$7,240 awards were made by the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, for March 1946, a gain of 5,000 over the 1945 figure.

Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, who was recently released from the Chaplaincy has accepted the pastorate of East Fork Church, a full-time rural church, Midway, between McComb and Liberty.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Box 530; Phone 2-1600
JACKSON, MISS.
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

MSCW Holds Circus Banquet

Frances Clifton, MSCW Reporter, sends the following report of their recent banquet: "Twas a gala affair when the Baptist girls on the MSCW campus gathered for their annual BSU banquet at the First Baptist Church in Columbus, Saturday night, May 4. The theme for the evening was 'The Greatest Show On Earth', and circus decorations bedecked the tables and walls of the banquet room. Elephants served as place-cards, clowns as programs, and animals of all sorts were placed up and down the crepe-paper lined tables.

"Miss Elizabeth Ann Batson, MSCW junior, served as toastmistress for the evening. The BSU quartet — Betty Thompson, Dawn Taylor, Gerry Williams, and Jean Allen — gave two special numbers. Mr. Cecil Lea, Church Educational Director, provided the fun for the evening as 'Jojo the Clown'.

"Dr. Selwyn Smith, pastor of the Ruhama Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, was the guest speaker for the evening. He chose for his subject, 'Seeking Christ's Imperatives'.

"After Dr. Smith's impressive and challenging talk, the quartet ended the program by singing 'Deep, Deep Down In His Love'."

More Youth Revivalists Sign Up

One more boy and several more girls have indicated that they would like to engage in Youth Revivals this summer. July and August will probably be the best months for the meetings. Let me hear from you if you know a church or a pastor that wants a team.

Need New Council Members

Please see that the full list of your new Local Council members is sent to me soon. Reporters, send in your news; local Secretaries or Presidents, send in your monthly reports; somebody send me a copy of our State Constitution, pul-lease.

List of Local Secretary Prospects Received

The Nashville office has sent me a list of prospects for local secretary work. If you need a local secretary, I shall be glad to send you names of well-recommended people. Let us pray that every college in Mississippi that needs a local secretary will get one soon.

Full Quota For Ridgecrest Seen

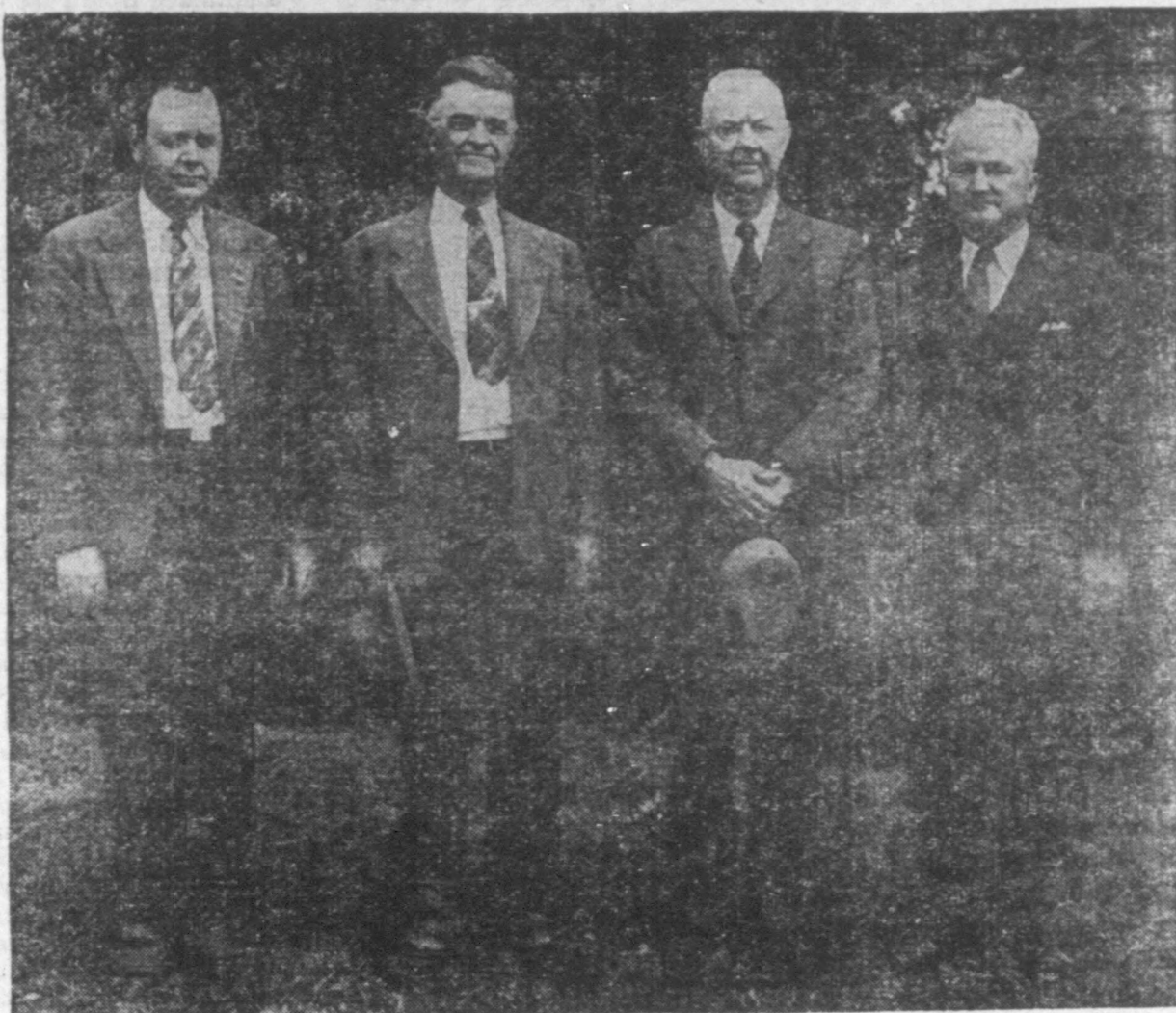
There are a few more places left in our Ridgecrest reservations, but indications are that we shall fill our quota of 127. Let me hear from all campuses on all points contained in the mimeographed letter of last week. The sooner I hear from you, the better your chances of going the way you want to and of staying where you want to. Write if something isn't clear.

Peregrinations

It was a real pleasure to be with Miss Marian Leavell, Dr. F. M. Purser, Frank Moak, and the other members of the Ole Miss Council in their Installation Service at First Church, Oxford. The Ole Miss Campus, which I viewed for the first time, is, to put it mildly, very nice, and the BSU room on the campus is inviting and attractive. My stay (Eva Lois wasn't with me) was all too short.

Several events in the Jackson area,

At Mississippi College Ground Breaking



Here we see a quartet of leaders in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign. Left to right they are: Mr. J. M. Spain, architect, who drew the plans for the buildings, and who will supervise construction; Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of Mississippi College; and Hon. T. M. Hederman, President of the Board of Trustees, who led in planning the features included in the campaign; Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Mississippi Baptists, who served as director during the intensive promotion of the campaign. These were snapped as they attended the ground breaking ceremonies last week on the campus at Clinton.

MIRIAM HOLLIS TO LEAD BAPTIST STUDENT UNION AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Miss Miriam Hollis of Chalybeate was installed as president of the Mississippi College Baptist Student Union in an impressive ceremony in the auditorium of Clinton Baptist Church on Wednesday night, May 8. She succeeds Miss Mary White Nelson, who has served for the past year.

Other officers installed were:

President, Miriam Hollis; Enlistment vice-president, Sam Cochran; associate, Annette Horne; social vice-president, John L. Gilbert; associate, Lois Johnson; devotional vice-president, Agnes Matthews; associate, Jack Glaze; secretary, Hubert Hurt; treasurer, Marjorie Brigance; publicity director, Pat Williamson; Ridgecrest representative, Charles Ray; magazine representative, Earl Moody; B. S. U. editor, Louise Girling; Sunday School representative, Jean Furr; associate, David Mayhall; B. T. U. director, Leland Angel; associate, Joe Cooper; talent chairman, Wayne Coleman; non-Baptist representative, Dorothy Collins.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOUGHT BY 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACKSON

The First Baptist Church purchased from the First Christian Church the present church building and former pastor's home adjacent the brick structure, sitting on a plot 122 feet on North President and 80 feet deep on Mississippi.

The purchase price was \$45,000.

This, added to the recent purchase by the Baptists of the Dr. Emery property just east of the Christian church, gives the entire western side of the block to the church whose handsome structure is erected on the northwest corner of this block.

The Christian Church, Dr. Bert R. Johnson, pastor, contemplates erection of a beautiful new structure on the corner of North State and High, at the northeast corner of this intersection.

The First Baptist Church, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, plans a modern educational and young people's building on the newly acquired property.

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All-American Howler — The 1945 Howler (Wake Forest College Yearbook), edited by Nancy Easley of Wake Forest and Bobby Creech of Wilson, has been awarded the All-American honor rating by the judges of the National Scholastic Press Association. This is the highest rating which a college yearbook may receive in the annual critical review of books submitted by colleges throughout the United States. The judges (all outside, of course) summarized their opinion: "This is definitely a superior book. It shows that staff was interested and had good direction from editors and advisers. A definitely superior book."

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson



LOUISE HILL

Intermediates with their leaders and sponsors will be happy to know that Miss Louise Hill will be conference leader for their group at the District Conventions in June. She will also have charge of the Intermediate Sword Drill. We are asking each association to send their first and second place winner to the District Convention. We are hoping EVERY association will have the elimination contest. We are expecting full representation this year, let's make it our BEST!

Duncan Organizes And Has Study Course

The State Training Union Department was glad to cooperate with Pastor Wilkes and the Duncan church in a helpful study course. Miss Clarice Conner spent the week with them and reports a progressive program had already been launched before her coming. Three unions had been organized, Junior, Intermediate and Y.P.-Adult. On Sunday night preceding the study course there were 39 present at the Union. On Monday night there were 39 present to start the study course. Miss Conner reports a good week with the addition of the Story Hour. Mr. Butler is the director.

Tippah County's Training Union Revival

The last two weeks in April were the dates for the Tippah County Training Union Leadership School and Revival. The week of April 21st the work was held in the Blue Mountain church. Classes in the afternoon were taught in Broach Hall for the College girls who wanted the courses but who could not attend at the church at night, then at night the work was in the church. Pastor Smyly and Director Marguerite Hill had made good plans and felt that the results were satisfactory. Four state workers and several college students helped with the class work. The second week Falkner, Tiplersville, and Walnut had work using one state worker each. The Walnut church program also included the attendance of workers from Chalybeate, Harmony and Providence. Each worker reports a good week with the interest in Training Union increased greatly, an enlarged program was planned for each church.



CLARICE CONNER

One of the conferences at the District Convention will be for Junior boys and girls, and with them their leaders and sponsors. Miss Clarice Conner will be the leader of this conference. Miss Conner will also have charge of the Memory Work Drill by the Juniors. All who are perfect in the church should go to the Associational elimination contest, all who are perfect there should come to the District Convention. If none should be perfect, then the two making highest score should be in the contest. This Junior Drill is one of the highlights of the convention. Each Junior participating in the District Convention will be given a small certificate of recognition, all who are perfect will be invited to take part in the State Training Union Convention in December.

Reports From Deer Creek Campaign Continue To Be Good

Miss Conner, reporting on the Training Union Revival at Catchings says they averaged 107 per night for the week. 40 of these were Juniors, 20 Intermediates, 23 Story Hour children and 24 Young People and Adults. Bro. Dan Morton is the happy pastor, and he is also the Associational Director.

Mr. Abrams has a good word on the work at Belzoni: The church experienced a successful Training Union Revival the week of April 7-12. A program of study, recreation, and inspiration was conducted each night. In addition conferences were held regarding future work. Attendance goals were set for the following Sunday night, and we have the report that the attendance was DOUBLE the average attendance for the previous month. Rev. Chester Molpus is the beloved pastor and Miss Avonne Walsh is Training Union Director. They are assisted by a fine staff of leaders and officers.

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Final figures on Baptist progress for 1945, released this week by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, show 256,699 baptisms for the year, a gain of 39,879 over 1944. Sunday school enrollment climbed 152,401 to reach 3,525,310, more than half the 5,865,554 church members reported. Local gifts amounted to \$75,967,674 and gifts to missions and benevolences amounted to \$22,490,751, a gain of \$21,869,810 for all causes over 1944.

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ordained shape in response to forces limited by nature but the affairs of a denomination are shaped by the actions of men and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and looking back historians may determine what actions were decisive.

One hundred years ago the nation faced a momentous decision. James Knox Polk, North Carolina born, but a citizen of Tennessee, had taken his seat as the 11th President of the United States, having won the election over Henry Clay because of his unequal stand for the immediate annexation of Texas and the adoption of a vigorous policy concerning Oregon. Our Convention was born not only in a time when wise men saw the dread clouds beginning to form which would within 15 short years hide in somber darkness the sun of peace; it was also born in a time of national expansion. The minds of men were filled with dreams of empire and the advancing lines of civilization, (United States version) which should move beyond the rivers, deserts, mountains and forests until the vast Pacific would be linked with the Atlantic beneath the Eagle's widespread wings.

Yes, expansion was the atmosphere which the men of 100 years ago breathed and mingled with that, the acrid tang of civil strife. It was as the wind of destiny bore on its unseen wings the bitter smell of the burning ruins of a proud and sometime haughty land, and at the same time fanned the cheeks of those who frantically sought to plow a clean land on which no fuel for future fire could be found. Into this confused and chaotic national arena moved the little band of men who formed, 100 years ago in Augusta, the Southern Baptist Convention. Here were men not actuated by the dream of any empire other than that of Christ's; here were men to whom "manifest destiny" was the obedient carrying out of the Great Commission, and whose concern was that all men everywhere should come to know Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

They too were moved by the spirit of conquest—but not a conquest of leagues of land nor the rule of a clinched fist. They envisaged the followers of Christ, members of the churches in the states of the South, going not only into the "south southwest," but beyond the oceans' rim, to the far off lands fringed by the seven seas. They founded a society of co-operating believers who were to go into all the world and take possession of it in the name of Christ. They had no pillar of fire by night nor cloud by day to lead them—they needed not those Mosaics, for the path before them had been traced by His blessed hand, and they were cheered by the clarion call, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth . . . and lo! I am with you always even unto the end." How tawdry was the political slogan, "Manifest destiny," compared to that high word of prophecy, "The dominion of the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High?"

Glorious as has been the history of these 100 years, I am concerned today, not so much with the honored past as I am with the way we enact the history of today and the foundation we lay for the history of tomorrow. I ask of you, my brethren, as I



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ask myself, facing this confused and distressful hour in the world's sad history of degenerate disobedience to its Maker:

"What hath THIS day deserved? What hath IT done, that IT in golden letters should be set among the high tides in the calendar?"

From that determined and destined group, meeting in Augusta in 1845, we have grown to be a mighty host of nearly five and three quarter millions. But numbers count for little unless well organized to do something worthwhile.

It would be wise for us as a Convention to ponder the conversation between the children of Joseph and Joshua, as found in Joshua 17:14-15. "And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua saying, 'Why hast thou given me but one lot, and one part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, foreasmuch as hitherto Jehovah hath blessed me? And Joshua said unto them, 'If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country is too narrow for thee.' That is, in effect, 'You say you are great? Well! prove it!'"

We are a great people, we Southern Baptist—we concede it! And we are not given to overmuch modesty in such admittance to the self implication of superiority! But greatness comes not by boasting, greatness comes by doing—and when we compare the little we have done with the much we should have done, God knows we ought to lay our hands upon our lips.

The worth of this Convention as a missionary force is measured by the degree in which it is possessed by the spirit of Christ. Too often its historic aspect has been regarded as the result of purley natural processes, similar to those which have produced national characteristics, and the Holy Spirit appears to be the forgotten factor. In our own day, when the scientific spirit is peering into the mysteries of the unseen as never before, and it must be confessed, arousing furies surpassing the frenzied dwellers of Pandora's box, we do well to refresh our souls with the divine reassurance that God is with His people now as He was 1900 years ago, in so far as their obedience will permit.

And, furthermore, it would be the part of wisdom never to forget that the Holy Spirit is the immanent administrative energy of the Godhead in the affairs of the New Testament

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Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

NEW BROTHERHOODS

Our hearts rejoice as we continue to receive reports of the formation of new Brotherhoods. We are grateful to the Heavenly Father, from whom all kingdom progress comes!

Toomsba (Lauderdale)

Under the strong and wise leadership of an energetic young pastor, Rev. J. L. Morgan, Toomsba is making exceptional progress. A few years ago, nobody ever thought that Toomsba might soon have a pastor's home, a resident pastor and a full-time program; but this is just what they have. And now, a Brotherhood!

The officers are: president, W. H. Rogers; membership vice-president, Lamar Coker; program vice-president, L. L. Price; activities vice-president, L. L. Houlditch; and secretary-treasurer, T. S. Pigford. The men will use the Brotherhood Journal; and meetings will be held on first and third Friday nights in each month. Ten men are enrolled.

Durant (Holmes)

Rev. C. M. Day, Durant pastor, served as a chaplain during the war. Back in the pastorate, he is determined to "make the most of his men." Many lessons he learned in the army will help him in dealing with his reorganized Durant Brotherhood. The church had a Brotherhood at one time, but the war took away so many of the younger men that the work was temporarily discontinued.

The new Durant Brotherhood organized with the following officers: president, Charles M. Ray; membership vice-president, O. E. Jolly; program vice-president, Marcus L. Rogers; activities vice-president, Robert Ray; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Hardin. They have sixteen members and will meet monthly on Monday night.

USE MISSION APPEAL

Pilgrim's Rest

A number of our Brotherhoods report using the appeal for missionary recruits sent out from our department office. Secretary A. A. Rutherford of Pilgrim's Rest (Panola) writes that the message was presented in their Brotherhood, after due announcements had been made in advance, and that the situation outlined by Dr. Marshall was discussed informally by the men in their meeting. This church has one representative studying in preparation for mission service. The men concluded that "if we can't go, we can help someone else that has gone or will go."

Beacon

A letter from Brother C. C. Prescott of the Beacon Church Brotherhood writes of their use of the mission appeal and of the fine spirit resulting. He states that recently a member of their church, R. T. Liles, has surrendered for service in the Christian ministry. Brother Prescott is encouraged to hope that others will enter definite kingdom service from their fine church.

TERRY

Rev. Thurman Booth, Terry pastor, reports that Rev. Carey Cox, of Hazlehurst, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Terry Brotherhood. The meeting was very successful. After the adjournment of the Brotherhood meeting proper, the men discussed the lighting of the football field and agreed to raise the first \$1,-

000.00 on the project. This they did in twenty-four hours. There is dynamite in organized Christian men! We are very happy in the good work of the Terry men.

JONES COUNTY

The Jones County associational Brotherhood met April 26 with the Second Avenue, Laurel, church. They report three new Brotherhoods in their association, Sharon, South Laurel, and Mt. Oral. They contributed \$32.43 to help with the convention expenses.

TANGIPAHOA (Pike)

Rev. A. W. Talbert, 1826 Bailey Avenue, Jackson, believes that the men of his churches are sources of unutilized power. Having led the Macedonia (Lincoln) church to organize a Brotherhood on Sunday, he rendered the same service to Tangipahoa (now you try to spell it!) on Wednesday night (May 8).

Davis Morgan, Rt. 2, Smithdale, is the new president; the membership vice-president is Henry McKnight, Summit, Rt. 2; Frank Whittington, Summit, Rt. 2, is program vice-president; Carl Robinson, Smithdale Rt. 2, is activities vice-president; and Frank Reeves, Summit Rt. 2, is secretary-treasurer.

Macedonia and Tangipahoa are two of the most promising rural fields in Mississippi; and we rejoice that they are harnessing their manpower for the Master.

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Youth Week Observed At Heidelberg Church

For the first time in its history Heidelberg Church observed Youth Week. Not one young person refused to serve according to Pastor Bryan Simmons. Youth Week was held the week preceding revival services which began April 28.

The messages during the revival were brought by W. L. Meadows, pastor at Quitman and the singing was directed by Pastor J. C. Murphy of Pachuta.

There was a good attendance upon the services and thirteen were added to the membership, five of them for baptism.

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PASSAGES FOR LEARNING BY HEART

It is an excellent thing for the young to commit to memory many portions of Scripture. The following passages are recommended as suitable, and it is hoped that many will learn some of them, and add other selections as thought best.

The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20:1-17.
Psalms 1, 16, 19, 23, 25, 27, 32, 34, 51, 84, 90, 92, 95, 100, 103, 115, 116, 130, 139, 145.
Proverbs 3:1-20; 6:11; chap. 10; chap. 11; chap. 20; Eccles., chap. 12.
Isaiah, chap. 40; chap. 53; chap. 55.
Matthew 5:3-16; chap. 6; chap. 7; chap. 25; 28:18-20.

Mark 14:22-25; 32-42.
Luke 15:11-32; 16:19-31; 18:1-14; 24:13-35.

John 1:1-18; 4:1-15; 20:1-23.
Acts 17:22-31; 20:17-38.
Romans 5:1-11; 8:28-39; chap. 12.
I Corinthians, chap. 13; chap. 15; 2 Corinthians, chap. 5.
Ephesians 3:14-21; 6:10-20; Colossians 3:1-4; 4:2-6.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 11:1 to 12:3.
I John 1:5 to 2:6; 3:13-24; chap. 4.
Revelation 1:9-20; 7:9-17; 20:11-15; chap. 21; chap. 22.

THE END

A FAVORITE SERMON



REV. C. T. SCHMITZ

BY REV. C. T. SCHMITZ
Pittsboro, Miss.

Text: Romans 5:8—But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

I. We were sinners, sinners afar off. Luke 15:11-24; Ephesians 2:13-17. When I think of God's love, I think of a great ocean. I can't reach the depths of it. For God is love. I John 4:16. I notice I Corinthians 13:13 three great things which abide, but the greatest of these is charity or love. I may have the power to speak as all men, even with the power of angels, and have not the love of God in my heart, I am nothing. I may be able to prophesy, understand all mysteries, and have not the love of God in my heart, I am worthless. It is the greatest affection ever felt. Some people say it is not felt. I say it is a mighty distinguished touch.

Once a young man out in a western city was at the point of death, his widowed mother lived in this country. She was notified, boarded the first train and landed in the city to find her boy unconscious. The doctor told her she could not see him, he was too low. She prevailed, so he told her she might slip quietly to the bed. She stepped to the bed, looked down on her boy and gently laid her hand on his cheek. He opened his eyes and said, "Mother, mother, do it again". Oh, what a touch that we can distinguish means to us. God's touch is greater than that of any mother.

II. Christ descended into the lower parts of the earth to release the captives of sin. Oh, such marvelous love. Ephesians 4:9. Floyd Collins descended under the Kentucky hills to reveal the riches of the underworld, just in time to be seized upon by that monster rock. Our Lord descended to be seized upon by sin and pinned to the cross to reveal the unsearchable riches of eternal glory through the Gospel. Ah, what wondrous love.

III. At the end of World War I a mother went to her town to meet her son, who had been away in the war and at first sight of her loving son on the other side of the great white river, she couldn't see the foe that awaited to swallow her up. They had to hold her to keep her from plunging into the river, but thank God they couldn't hold Jesus. He couldn't see the great foe that awaited him. Love brought Him down from heaven to suffer and die for sinners. Oh, if I can just get men to see that God loves them, I can win them. We don't want to look at

Church Members Adopt Unique Plan To Aid Hungry

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(RNS)—Members of Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, largest church of its denomination in the city, have adopted a "concrete plan to implement their sympathies for starving peoples." More than 100 families have agreed to serve "curtailed meals" every Friday evening, the savings to go to war victims. They hope to raise \$5,000 by this method within a year.

The idea grew out of a sermon several weeks ago by Dr. Lee J. Beynon, pastor, who suggested his members "do something concrete to help the hungry."

A few days later Mrs. Beynon trimmed the dinner menu to an omelet and a slice of bread and suggested that a "curtailed meal" be served in their home every Friday evening to carry out her husband's suggestion. At the next midweek prayer meeting other families pledged to do the same thing.

Dinner guests at the parsonage on Friday evenings "must be satisfied with the same fare we have," Dr. Beynon said.

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Effective June first, Dr. J. G. Cothran, Kentucky Christian Education Secretary, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Arkadelphia, Ark., the site of Ouachita College. Born in South Carolina, Dr. Cothran is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

things around us, but at the cross. Take a look at the love of Jesus Christ, who died for a lost world. The three Hebrew boys couldn't see the foe that awaited them. The love of God in their hearts, led them to believe He would go through the fire with them. And He did. Daniel, with a heart full of love and the greatest confidence in a loving Heavenly Father was at peace all night among the lions. "Perfect love casteth out fear." We need not to fear with our hearts full of love for God. Paul didn't fear when they carried him to the block to cut his head off. Love helped to preach the gospel to the soldiers on the way and to win two of them. Neither height nor depth could separate him from God's love.

IV. And we can never get out of reach of his love. The love of the prodigal son's father went as far as the son went. And when he came to himself he returned and repented. If the world could come to itself and repent what a loving world it would be. God's love never fails. We may stumble and fall down along the way, but God will hold us up. He is able to make us stand. Mother cleans little Tildie up and puts a clean dress on her and she runs out and stumbles and falls down in the dirt and cries, but mother picks her up and brushes the dirt off and wipes the tears from her cheeks and kisses her, and still lets her know that she loves her. We may weep and totter now, but He is going to robe us in immortality and wipe all tears from our eyes. I shall never forget the very time that God's love filled my heart. It made me want to tell a new story. And that story was how Christ had made a new creature out of me. Behold all things are become new. We don't have to put up with old things. It is fresh and new, rich and pure. So I truly hope that this will be a blessing to all who may read it. May God bless and help you is my prayer.

Sunday School Lesson

A FRIEND WHO LEARNED TO BELIEVE

Devotional Reading, 2 Timothy 1:3-11

Thomas is Hebrew and Didymus is Greek for "Twin." He was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus after a night of prayer and just before preaching the Sermon on the Mount. In all the Synoptic Gospels (Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15) Thomas is coupled with Matthew as the fourth pair. But in the list of the eleven at Jerusalem awaiting Pentecost (Acts 1:13) he is coupled with Philip in the third pair. Thus his name is given eighth in Mark and Luke, seventh in Matthew, and sixth in Acts. But practically all we know of Thomas is given in the Gospel of John (11:7-16; 20:19-29).

LESSON TEXT AND OUTLINE

John 11:7-8, 16; 20:24-29

I. The Courage of Faith (John 11)

7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again, 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

II. The Certitude of Faith (John 20)

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him. We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of th nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

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The Robert Carlisle Sunbeam Band was organized on May 11 at the home of Mrs. Leon White in Shiloh and Nola Baptist Church communities, Lawrence County. The following are charter members, Carol Carlisle, Linda Carlisle, Jimmie Carlisle, Willie Fay and Jackie White. All children of the community are invited to attend the next meeting which will be at the home of the leader, Mrs. Leon White, on May 25 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Grady Smith, who recently went to Leaf River Church, Smith County, as pastor, is beginning his work by taking a religious census. This will give him opportunity to visit in every home.—Reporter.

STATE B. S. U. COUNCIL



Front Row, reading from left to right: Virginia Melvin, Ole Miss, Secretary; Merle Lewis, Delta State, Extension Chairman; Ramona McLemore, Mississippi Southern, Reporter. Second Row: Chas. W. Horner, State Secretary; Eric Norman, State College, Magazine Representative; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Decatur, Pastor-Adviser; Sam Cochran, Mississippi College, First Vice-President, and Frank Moak, Ole Miss, President. Those not pictured: Betty Gall Clark, MSCW, Second Vice-President; Henry Carter, Clarke and Mississippi College, Third Vice-President; Rosa Wise Ford, Belhaven, Treasurer; Gerry Williams, MSCW, Talent Director, and Lillian Leavell, Blue Mountain, Ridgecrest Representative.

WOULD DIVERT MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS FOR RELIEF

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(RNS)—Quoting scripture to support his suggestion, Dr. George Alden Cole, pastor of Prospect Avenue Baptist Church, has urged members of his congregation to donate the money usually spent for flowers on Mother's Day "to help relieve the sick and starving mothers across the ocean."

In a letter to members, Dr. Cole wrote: "Let's not only be fundamental in doctrine but remember the words of our Lord and Saviour: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'"

He suggested that instead of giving flowers or gifts to mothers, an annual custom in the church, that members bring donations in special envelopes "in honor or in memory of mothers," the contributions to be used for overseas relief.

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The following have been recent visitors to the Baptist Record: E. T. Cooper, Morton; Mrs. Henry Love, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Clyde Whiteside, Blue Mountain; Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Flora; Rev. and Mrs. Charles O. Daniels, McComb; Rev. Leonard Holloway, Mississippi College; Cecil Landrum, Hazlehurst; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; L. L. Lackey, Magee; Rev. Percy Ray, Myrtle; Rev. C. J. Hughes, Summerland; C. D. Matthews, Star; Miss Edna Hickman, New Orleans, La.; Rev. and Mrs. Elton Moore, Morton; Ned Moore, Marcus Moore, Eva Moore and Nell Moore, Newton; Dell Perreault, Canton; Cita Harris, Clinton; Henry Love, Tampa, Fla.; Rev. J. C. Bryant, Walnut Grove; Rev. D. W. McLeod, Florence; Rev. W. E. Hardy, Georgetown; Rev. Joe T. Odle, Crystal Springs; Rev. Guy Little, Crystal Springs; Mrs. R. E. Dole, Prentiss; Leon Standifer, Jackson; Rev. J. H. Royalty, Clinton; Rev. B. L. McKee and Howard Lea McKee, Gallman; Dr. W. E. Greene, Earle Green, Newton; Whitney Harrison, Fayette; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Crystal Springs; Rev. J. W. Landrum, Clinton; Dr. W. W. Horner.

PASSION PLAY CANCELLED

LEAD, S. D.—(RNS)—The celebrated Black Hills Passion Play will not be produced this summer, owing to the shortage of labor and materials, Josef Meier, portrayer of the Christ in the drama, announced. Meier is also manager of the Black Hills version of the Oberammergau play.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 12, 1946

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Decatur, Clarke-Venable	125	70
Sturgis	52	35
West Point	356	100
Center, Union County	91	71
Darling	46	
Louin	45	50
Ecu	124	29
Wallerville	66	57
Booneville	182	55
O'Tuckalofa, Yalobusha County	36	
Brookhaven, First	307	120
West Corinth	167	92
Wellman, Lincoln County	44	86
Philadelphia, Lincoln County	35	50
Kreole, First	42	82
Batesville	154	76
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	99	109
Louisville	317	111
West Laurel	230	116
Houlka, Chickasaw County	95	44
Picayune, First	106	69
New Albany, First	511	205
Pascagoula, First	215	97
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	215	97
Centerville	96	25
Cross Roads, Webster County	54	
Jackson, Parkway	306	171
Jackson, First	706	337
Jackson, Calvary	800	289
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	864	
Daniel, Hinds County	143	69
Enon, Panola County	61	65
Kreole, Friendship	47	42
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Louin	88	57
Decatur, Clarke-Venable	174	95
Rocky Creek, George County	99	63
Kreole, Friendship	50	46

25 Years Ago

BY REV. R. E. EDDLEMAN

Clinton, Mississippi

Pastor W. E. Lee recently accepted the care of the church of Byhalla in connection with his work as pastor of Como.

Rev. W. A. Sullivan, accepted the call to Okolona Church and begins his work the last Sunday in May. He is a good preacher, married and an alumnus of Mississippi College, also is just finishing his course at the Louisville Seminary.

Pastor W. H. Morgan of the Leland church writes: They have just closed a good meeting with the Leland church receiving 41 new members into the fellowship of the church and twenty-six of these were on profession of faith. The church was wonderfully helped and the town blessed. Brethren H. L. Martin of Indianola and O. P. Estes of Lyon assisted in the revival.

Pastor A. A. Stanley of Grenada writes that they have just had a fine revival in the Grenada church, Dr. R. L. Motley of Florence, Ala., doing the preaching and Brother A. E. Pardue of the Bible Institute of New Orleans directing the singing. There were twelve additions to the church, nine of them by baptism.

Dr. J. P. Tulle, pastor of the New Albany church reports a revival of unusual interest in which there were 145 additions to the churches of the city. 86 of the 145 joined the Baptist church, 57 of this number came by baptism, 42 joined the Methodist church, 11 joined the Presbyterian church and six joined the Christian church. There were more than 100 conversions during the meeting which lasted for eleven days. Dr. W. M. Bostick, pastor of the Winona church of Winona, Miss., did the preaching.

Layman W. D. Cole, of Philadelphia, assistant organizer for Neshoba County, has been busy each Sunday working with the churches. He gives both time and money to God.

The First Baptist church of Jackson was one of the two churches in the state that was asked to raise as much as \$75,000 on the seventy-five million campaign. The other church was the First church, Greenwood, and it seems that the First Church, Jackson, proposes not to be excelled by any church in their loyalty, even though the largest per cent paid by any full time church to date has been paid by the First Church of Greenwood.

Pastor W. R. Cooper of Sumner, reports seventy per cent of his membership present at church Sunday. That's a top-notch.

The meeting at McComb closed Sunday with 78 additions to the church. The people gave Dr. W. D. Powell a purse of \$1,750 which is added to their offering to Foreign Missions, as Dr. Powell is working for the Foreign Mission Board.

Pastor Wall reported a free will offering for the Clinton Church building Sunday of \$650. The total received to date is \$26,000. The walls are going up, having completed those for the basement.

Rev. J. D. Franks, of Louisiana, once pastor at Durant, a native of Mississippi, is aiding Pastor O. P. Estes in a meeting at Lyon.

A local defense volunteer in a lonely spot cried, "Halt!" to a man in a car, who promptly halted.

"Halt!" said the L. D. V. again.

"I have halted," said the motorist.

"What do you want me to do next?"

"I don't know," said the L. D. V. "My orders are to say, 'Halt,' three times and then shoot."

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churches and of our Convention. The Holy Spirit is not to be conceived of as a blind impersonal force, but as a definite, intelligent personality, whose functions are not only the conviction of sin, and the illumination, inspiration, regeneration, and sanctification of individuals but also the immediate direction, disposition and development of our churches according to the definite purposes of God. That ought to be kept constantly in mind by those to whom the churches have delegated authority and entrusted with the leadership of our Convention.

To articulate our work, to relate the labors of these varied Boards and Agencies to each other and to the churches, is a monumental task, and must be done with due consideration for each component part. As a denomination, as a Convention, we have no ecclesiastical head, no superman, or group of super-men to assume such headship. Unity of action, without centralization of power is our problem, and this can come only by the Holy Spirit's guidance.

And it is to our honor and for His glory, that in our dark hours, when we were humbled to the point of dependence on Him, He led us forth into larger worlds of service. For myself, I feel that we are ready now with a new devotion to our mission. To quote Christ, "In the development of an organism, stages are reached when a higher principle of life reacts upon the accumulated results of previous processes, thereby lifting the creature to a higher plane, whence may be unfolded new potentialities." We have now come to such a stage!

And if, despite the realization of that fact, we refuse to take up the armor of faith and go forth conquering and to conquer, but instead lay down the sword of the Spirit to pick up tools and tinker with machinery, then have we indeed sinned away our day of grace and opportunity. How often have we, by bickering and littleness, grieved the Holy Spirit — how often have we, concerned with certain segments of service and shibboleths of theology, been blinded to the dying world about us, nor heard His word: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I command?"

The crowning glory of the churches from which our Convention draws its sustenance has always been their fervent evangelistic spirit, the exalting of Christ's redemption work, and the Spirit's renewing work within them. This, in a word sums up our mission, our reason for existence.

WHAT SHALL BE OUR RESPONSE? It is my conviction that we should without further hesitation take up the duty enjoined upon us by our text and obey to the last full measure of our devotion, that command to witness of Him who alone has the power to turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Christ.

I look thru the pages of the Acts — it is one long recital of witnessing before soldiers; to a lustful king and queen; to a kneeling beggar; to Jew and Gentile; at Rome in chains; everywhere, anywhere, it is a record of witnessing, witnessing! To what do they witness — these men who have hazarded their lives for the love they bore to Christ. In one word — to the redemptive power of the

Son of God. There was never a doubt about that power, never a trace of the atheism of despair, no gospel of futilitarianism produced these men. And it was a personal and a passionate witness.

They bore witness that, if any man sin, he has an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and that He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

We have what the world needs, and we have the assurance of power to deliver that necessity. Our first witness is to spiritual realities; our second witness is thru our lives to the redemptive power of God, (for how can men be persuaded that Christ can do anything for them, if they can see it is doing nothing for us?) and our third witness is thru sacrificial service. For we are in the world to authenticate His gospel, and demonstrate His power. Such a conception involves the adoption as a working principle of the willingness to die that others might live. What this means, the most of us have never accepted. Carlyle's sardonic epitaph for a parson of his day is dangerously near the truth for ours, "Soul dead, stomach well alive."

When I observe the zeal of Communistic propagandists I am amazed at the lengths to which they will go — **BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSUMED WITH A PASSION!**

Oh that the passion of personal witnessing should again fall upon, so that we shall be scattered abroad, it will be to testify of Him. How shall that passion come to be? For myself, I know of but one way:

Let me see Him, and the five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary! Let me see Him as Stephen saw Him, standing at the right hand of the Throne of God! Let me see Him as Paul saw Him, in the power of His resurrection.

Let me see Him as John saw Him, worthy to open the seals!

Let me see Him, as I a lost sinner, find in His imputed righteousness my only hope.

The lack of this explains our present weakness and furnishes the soil from whence comes our crop of denominational passivity.

Yes, here, born in sheer neglect, is found our present weakness, but in full compliance to Christ's clamant call will be found our potential power.

What think you of the unmeasured right of 5,500,000 Southern Baptists, energized by the Holy Spirit as they witness to the saving grace of Christ?

They tell men of the country church problem — it will exist no longer when Southern Baptists become a witnessing people.

They tell me the city cannot be won for Jesus. I ride thru the misery, vice, and filth of the slums. I note the stamp of sin and shame; tired, ignorant, dirty mothers; and sickly, suffering, undernourished children with never a taste of decent surroundings. Hard by, I see indifference, sham, and mad catering to sensation upon the part of the rich.

I see churches moving away from the teeming tide of unkempt and embittered humanity — the Cross retreating to the shelter of quietude and correctness! All synonymous. And it was in a city — Ephesus, Corinth, Rome — it was a city that Paul went boldly witnessing nor feared its crowds or crime.

Ichabod is our name, if we have become so enthralled by machinery, so reliant upon Boards and budgets, so attuned to the lure of lucre and the campaigns of craft, that we have lost our devotion to Christ and the dependence upon the

Southern Baptist Boards Promote Unity Urgent Need For Cooperative, Closely Knit Movements

By J. B. ROUNDS,
Supt. Indian Work

Southern Baptists, probably the most democratic large denomination in the world, has produced a united, closely knit missionary body unparalleled in religious history. They enjoy a freedom of individual expression and action, whose tendencies are thought by many to lead to confusion and dis-jointed, non-cooperative activities, but the facts are just exactly the reverse. No body has a more solidified, single purposed program than they. After open and free discussion, permitting the individual the rights of free speech, the body swings together and moves on as a mighty force, so united that efforts to thwart that unity always have failed.

Why is that true? Because democracy exists in the local church, the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. That is why the Sunday School Board,

Holy Spirit which empowers us for witnessing.

We can deny the success of that New Testament church which became churches with such rapidity?

And despite the power arrayed against them, who dared with supreme audacity to believe that success could ever rest upon the banner of the Cross?

Those Who Obeyed, Did!

Let us too, confessing and facing the obstacles, win as did they; knowing that the Christ above and the world below waits today for a church that witnesses, and that as Hudson Taylor said, "Christ cannot be Lord at all, unless He be Lord of all."

And what supernal joy there is in this obedience.

And if we grow weary, remember that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with eagle's wings, they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk, and not faint.

I once heard Stuart Holden say that in the taking of a photograph it is but the hundredth part of a second for the image to be imprinted upon the sensitized plate. And you say it is done — the photograph is taken. But we all know that there are many other processes to be carried thru before that photograph is perfect. There is the dark room, and there are the acid baths, and there are the frequent washings, all of which are necessary for the development of that which is imprinted in one moment.

Likewise, it is possible for each of us to be born again into right relationship with our Lord, but henceforth the growth in His likeness must be continued it may be in the dark room of adversity, it may be in the acid-bath providences of life which at the time of their experience are inexplicable to us, but the whole process is in the hands of God.

Looking back over the past 100 years of our Convention, the analogy is clear and obvious.

But it has all been directed toward making us worthy and usable as His witnesses. This is our high calling, this is the **CLAMANT CALL OF CHRIST**. To that call let us respond, and laying all at the feet of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, give to Him the throne of our lives that in us He may live and move and have His being, thus to make us His true witnesses to all mankind!

the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board have a mission in the future that must be maintained. For example, no unified Sunday School program could grow up around our Sunday School ideals, if each separate state had a distinct and separate Sunday School program.

Home Missions could not possibly be as efficient and united if twenty different States each went their own way. The Home Mission Board, like the Sunday School Board, broadens successful state home mission projects into a southwide movement through publicity agencies and missionary propaganda that broadens the successes and remove the failures that state programs have put through the experimental stages.

In this day, so fraught with adverse criticism and desires to crush, there is a more urgent need for cooperative, closely knit movements than ever before.

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HELPS FOR SOUL WINNERS by

L. E. Barton, M. A., D. D. The Paragon Press, Montgomery, Ala., 1945. 127 pages. Price \$1.75. Order direct from the author, 1607 S. Hull St., Montgomery, Ala., or from the Baptist Book Store. The main thing is to procure the book as soon as possible, read it through, at once and then keep it handy where you can reach it easily and frequently, thus refreshing yourself often from a veritable thesaurus of treasurers new and old. There are ten brief chapters, superbly done, dealing with the following subjects: 1. He Brought Him to Jesus; 2. Andrew Finds His Brother; 3. Meet Simon Peter; 4. How Andrew Found His Brother; 5. John the Baptist Points Two to Christ; 6. Philip Finds Nathaniel; 7. Jesus Wins a Samaritan; 8. The Magnetism of the Master; 9. The Brand-marks of Jesus; 10. Glorifying in the Cross. — F. M. Powell.

The Coggin Avenue Baptist Church of Brownwood, Texas, conducted a revival campaign for two weeks, March 31 to April 14. The preaching was done by the pastor, Dr. H. H. Hargrove, (Mississippian), and the singing was under the direction of Mr. Steve Heather, one of the deacons of the church. The meeting was held under the handicap of not having a church home, since the building was destroyed by fire some months ago. The week day services were held in the auditorium of the Central Methodist Church, and the Sunday services were held in the Mims Auditorium of Howard Payne College. Thirty-four were added to the church, eighteen of which came on profession of faith and for baptism.

Mother: "Bob, stop feeding the cat birdseed! I told you to give it to the canary."

Bob: "That's where the canary is."

Greenville: Pastor J. R. Eubanks of Second Church writes, "Our revival April 21-28 was a great success with a great God, a great Savior, a great Holy Spirit, stirring us with a great Message through the great preacher Barney Walker; supported by great praises, led by the great singer Raymond Marston." There were 28 professions of faith, 13 by letter and 68 rededications.

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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

NEW ZION, LEAKE COUNTY, IS NUMBER 812

A recent addition to the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program is New Zion Church, Leake County. The list was recently sent by Mrs. John L. Griffin.

Rev. J. C. Bryant, who recently completed his work at Clarke College, has moved on the field and is leading in the erection of a parsonage.

Recently a Training Union was organized with Colon Jones as director. Jake Burns, now a ministerial student at Clarke College was sent out by New Zion Church.

Leake County now has Baptist Record readers listed as follows: CARTHAGE 103, CEDAR GROVE 39, Dossville 4, LENA 79, Hurricane Creek 8, Bethel 1, McDONALD 14, MADDEN 35, MIDWAY 27, Mt. Carmel 11, NEW HOPE 23, New Prospect 14, New Providence 2, Standing Pine 3, THOMASTOWN 59, TUSCOLA 41, WALNUT GROVE 75, MARS HILL 33, Mt. Zion 13, NEW ZION 15, GOOD HOPE 33, Union Ridge 4, FREENY 52, Sunrise 1, CORINTH 49, Conway 1, PLEASANT HILL 18.

POPLAR SPRINGS IN COPIAH COUNTY SENDS LIST

Poplar Springs Church, Copiah County, Rev. B. L. McKee, pastor, has joined the parade of Baptist Record churches.

The church is not a large one, but size doesn't count in EVERY FAMILY figures. The list was sent by J. H. Purvis.

Record readers in Copiah County are now listed as follows: BETHEL 45, CARPENTER 26, COUNTY LINE 33, CRYSTAL SPRINGS 321, GALLMAN 27, GALILEE 14, Gatesville 6, GEORGETOWN 41, HARMONY 52, HAZLEHURST 111, HOPEWELL 30, NEW PROVIDENCE 21, NEW ZION 56, PINE BLUFF 34, Mission Hill 1, PILGRIM'S REST 23, PLEASANT HILL 33, POPLAR SPRINGS 17, ROCKPORT 3, SARDIS 35, SHADY GROVE 48, SPRING HILL 56, STRONG HOPE 48, WESSON 78, SYRNA 24, DAMASCUS 14, ANTIOCH 17, SYLVARENA 43.

WALNUT

Although the pastor, Dr. J. P. Kirkland, is laid up for a few weeks, Walnut Church continues to carry on. With a small membership, Cooperative Program gifts for 1945 totalled \$1,400 or an average of more than \$15 per member. Total contributions averaged \$54.50 per member.

All organizations are well organized and are doing good work. Henry Brotherton, Mrs. Ruth Hughes and Mrs. Jack Wilbanks lead the Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's work respectively.

Baptist Records going to Tippah County are listed as follows: ACAD-EMY 41, CHALYBEATE 42, BLUE MOUNTAIN 161, Dumas 2, FALKNER 49, Fellowship 1, HARMONY 35, MT. HEERON 18, MT. OLIVE 35, PINE GROVE 35, Pleasant Hill 4, PROVIDENCE 33, RIPLEY 87, Tiplersville 3, WALNUT 44, MACEDONIA 22, PALMER 18, Graham's Chapel 5, SHADY GROVE 13, Oakland 1.

Lorena Juniors Are Daily Bible Readers

Mrs. Alva Gatewood, teacher of the Junior Sunday School class at Lorena Church, Smith County, says that the juniors have been reading their Bibles faithfully. Some of them read with their mothers and fathers, others read alone. In the group picture reading from left to right are: Jerrel Moulder (reading three months), Bobby Bailey (five months), Jenette Hawkins (two months), Sarah Boyls, Rubye Derrick, Billie Fay Derrick, Carroll Boyls (five months), Julie Hawkins (five months).

Thomas Marion Hawkins (alone) has been reading his Bible for three months. He was away attending a funeral of an uncle at the time the group picture was made.

The example of these junior boys and girls should encourage many others to read God's Word every day.

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Morton Church Has Challenging Program

The challenging program now being carried on in the Morton Baptist church is receiving much favorable comment. The observing of Youth Week recently, called forth the comment from one member that it "was the best thing ever held in the church." B. F. Duncan was the Youth Pastor. The week was climaxed by a lovely banquet at which Melvin A. Roberts, Educational Director of Calvary Church, Jackson, was the speaker, and the "returning of the keys of the church" to the regular officials by the young people.

The church is sending Pastor and Mrs. R. Y. Gerrard to the Southern Baptist Convention. From the beginning, when the pantry was filled before their arrival, till now, the church has shown many thoughtful courtesies to their leaders.

The Training Union Revival was

SILAM CHURCH, SIMPSON COUNTY, IS NUMBER 810

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome another church that has adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan. A letter from Mrs. A. W. Floyd recently contained the good news.

Simpson County now has Record readers listed as follows: Athens 2, ANTIOCH 11, BRAXTON 39, COATS 11, D'LO 71, FORK 38, Goodwater 8, HARRISVILLE 56, Jupiter 1, MAGEE 90, MENDENHALL 99, MT. ZION 89, New Zion 3, Palestine 24, Oak Grove 9, PINE GROVE 10, Dry Creek 7, PINOLA 49, PLEASANT HILL 40, PLEASANT VALLEY 36, Sanatorium 2, SHIVERS 34, SILOAM 18, STONEWALL 27, STRONG RIVER 31, Weathersby 6, MACEDONIA 57, Spring Hill 8, Beulah 3.

Amish Farmer Repents Purchase Of Tractor, Is Readmitted To Church

LANCASTER, Pa., — (RNS) — An Amish farmer who purchased a tractor and was subsequently rejected from the sect for his concession to modern machinery has repented, sold the tractor, and is again a church member in good standing.

The man, Abner K. Zook, 25, shaved his beard and disappeared for two days after his violation of the Amish tenets. Following his decision to sell



LORENA JUNIOR S. S. CLASS



THOMAS MARION HAWKINS
Lorena Junior S. S. Class

fine in results. Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg, conducted the adult class with outstanding success. Secretary A. J. Wilds and his group did fine work in the association.

In the future, the big event is the starting of a Church Library, for which the B. C. Rogers family has given \$1,000. Mrs. N. T. Day will teach a library study course, and the opening is planned for May 26, in the evening. This church is on the waiting list for a new Hammond Electric Organ. Added improvements to the building are contemplated in the near future and work is being done toward securing a new annex.

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The many friends of Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor, Clarksdale Church, will regret to learn that he is quite ill in the Clarksdale Hospital. Editor Goodrich supplied for him Sunday, May 12.

DAYTON, O.—(RNS)—The executive committee of the United Brethren Foreign Mission Society has voted \$10,000 to reimburse missionaries who served in China and the Philippines. That sum, the committee said, will cover the loss of their personal possessions when the Japanese invaded those territories.

"What's the big idea, wearing my raincoat?"

"It's raining. You wouldn't want your suit to get all wet, would you?"

Southern Seminary Graduates 166 Men Speakers Emphasize Missions and Stewardship

BY IRWIN L. McDONALD

Publicity Director, Southern Seminary
"One Task in One World," was the theme of an address by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, at Missionary Day exercises observed at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as a feature of the annual commencement week program, May 1-3.

Declaring that the present age has been called "the age without standards," Dr. Rushbrooke deplored an increasing prevalence of sin in England and in the United States, following a decline in church attendance. The most embarrassing question missionaries have to face, he said, is: "Why doesn't Christianity work in your own country?"

The baccalaureate speaker was Dr. Edward B. Willingham, pastor of the National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., whose subject was "The Mission and Message of the Christian Minister," based on the text, "We are ambassadors for Christ," (2 Cor. 5:20).

The Christian minister finds the meaning of his ministry, Dr. Willingham said, in the words of Jesus: "I came that they might have life . . . not to be ministered unto but to minister . . . to seek and to save that which was lost . . . to this end was I born . . . The minister today must answer the crisis of the hour with the language of 1946 but with the power of eternity. Everything Jesus did dealt with life. Our message is to tell people how to have the abundant life in Christ."

President Ellis A. Fuller awarded degrees to a class of 166 men on Friday, May 3—the largest group ever to be graduated from the Seminary. In a brief commencement address, Dr. Fuller called for a world expansion of Christian missions at home and abroad.

"Southern Baptists have only a corporal's guard giving themselves in foreign missions service," Dr. Fuller said. "If all of the approximately 400 students completing their training this spring at the three seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention should be sent as missionaries, and if this average could be continued through the next 25 years, the total would be only 10,000. There must be a tripling and a quadrupling in our seminaries, colleges and churches!"

"We will not get very far with our world program of evangelism till we come to a fuller understanding of Christian stewardship," Dr. Fuller continued. "Christians are drunk on their own delusions as long as they spend more for such things as chewing gum, tobacco, and soft drinks than they invest in Kingdom enterprises."

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NO MATTER — A Little Moron thought he would like to go swimming, so he went down to the pool. He was just about to dive in when a man shouted. "Can't you see that there is no water in that pool?" The moron replied, "I don't mind. I can't swim, anyway."—Teens.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Vacation Bible School

We have come again to the time of year for Vacation Bible Schools. These are held during the months of May, June, July and August.

Many churches have already made definite plans for the Vacation school, and many others will do so later. In fact, many churches set the date for this school at the beginning of the year when the calendar of activities is planned, which is as it should be. However, if you have not yet set the date for your school, there is plenty of time for this and it should be done soon.

In making preparation for a school, several things need to be done well in advance. First, the church should decide definitely to have it, and fix the date. Second, the principal should be secured and then the other faculty members. Third, the books should be secured and given to the faculty members so they will have ample opportunity to make good preparation for the school. Fourth, there should be at least one or two faculty meetings so that the workers can together talk over things and make definite plans about all the various items of the work.

It is always mighty good preparation if the book, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GUIDE, is taught to the faculty and all others who will attend. In this way those who are new in the work can learn much about it, and those who have had previous experience can get even more information that will be helpful to them.

For the Boys and Girls

In thinking of the Vacation Bible School, we shall not forget that it is for the benefit of our boys and girls that we promote them. Each summer there are thousands of these boys and girls who attend the Vacation Bible Schools over the South. Many of these become Christians during this time, and thus begin a life with a new relationship to Christ. Many of them are not enrolled in Sunday School and are led to attend Sunday School as a result of their Vacation Bible School experiences. Therefore, we sincerely hope that many churches that have never had a Vacation Bible School will have one this year. We shall be glad to mail a package of the free literature to any one on request. Let's do our best for our boys and girls this summer.

Read the Builder

The Sunday School Builder is the promotional magazine put out by the Sunday School Board for Sunday School workers. Each month it carries helpful articles from leaders over the South about our work. Also, each of the departments of Sunday School work has a special space for considering matters pertaining to that particular age group, with wise and helpful and practical suggestions along various lines from many people. Then, there is a suggested opening worship program for schools conducted on the class basis, which programs can be most helpful when followed.

We have been doing a bit of checking recently, and have discovered that a great many of our superintendents even do not read the Builder very much. This is also true of pastors and other officers and teachers. We recently had a letter from a pastor asking for specific information about a

certain matter of Sunday School work that was up for consideration. We found the very information he asked for in the Builder, and wrote him giving the page and issue where this information appeared. It was all there but he hadn't read it.

The Builder is such a magazine that Sunday School leaders, by following it rather carefully, can greatly improve their work. Much thought and time is given to all articles and program suggestions appearing in it. But, of course, it will be worthless unless it is used.

Many helpful varieties of work can be introduced into our schools by a careful study of the Builder by our leaders. This would certainly be interesting and helpful to our people. It would be mighty fine if each school would get enough copies of the Builder for all the officers and teachers.

An Attractive Church

It is interesting to note the interest that many churches take in their building. They keep it clean, freshly painted, grounds attractive, and other things that will make it nice and attractive.

This is as true of rural churches, many of them, as any others. Then, it is sad to note some instances where the members seem to have so little regard for the way their church looks. Very little care is given to them and they are anything but attractive, which should certainly not be.

Why not put the name of your church on it so the passers-by can see what church it is? Also, why not put up a bulletin board and use that? Many churches, even in the rural districts, are doing this. Everything that will make the church attractive and appealing, and that will help to set it forth as an important place in the minds of the people, should certainly be done.

Let's make the church stand out as a very worthwhile institution, and let the people know that we believe in it and are eager to make it a real lighthouse for spiritual aid. Even those who are not Christians will be more favorably impressed when they see that the members of our churches really believe in them and are willing to put forth whatever effort, energy and money is necessary to keep them beautiful and attractive without as well as heart warming and helpful within.

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New York—A new religious organization, the Long Island Bible-Baptist Association, is in process of formation. The new body is the result of the schism that developed in the Long Island Baptist Association over a debate as to whether that organization should incorporate a creedal statement in its constitution. At a meeting of the executive committee of the new organization, a conference of 35 ministers made recommendations on the formation of its constitution. These steps were taken after a lengthy meeting in the Bushwick Baptist Church, which was attended by 550 persons representing 31 Baptist churches. William J. Weeks, pastor of the host church, presided.

"What did the big firecracker say to the little firecracker?" "My pop's bigger than your pop."—Ex.

"My girl thinks I'm a wit." "Well, she's half right."—Ex.

MAY DAY QUEEN



MISS JEAN WHISTLE

BLUE MOUNTAIN OBSERVES MAY DAY

JEAN WHISTLE REIGNED AS QUEEN

The annual May Day festival of Blue Mountain College was presented May 1. The ceremony, which was sponsored by the junior class, was well attended. Miss Joyce Tyler, Pica-yune, directed the festival. Dances were under the direction of Mrs. Page Jones Spinharny, and pianists were Joy Beaty, Olive Branch; Blanche Ellen Darr, Clinton, S. C.; and Jimmie McKenzie, Greenwood.

Jeanne Whistle, Black Oak, Ark., reigned as queen of the May. Paula Dear, Sledge, was maid of honor, and the following were attendants in the court of the queen: Bettie Jane Boland, Tralake; Nan Burnette, Memphis, Tenn.; Mildred Ellars, Kokomo, Ind.; Anne Galloway, Nashville, Tenn.; Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson; Delora Hopper, Dorothy Hopper, Juno, Tenn.; Alfalene Jolly, Myrtle; Frances McCullough, New Albany; Bette Small, Laurel; Joanne Stuart, Greenwood; Kitti Williams, Utica. Carol Tyler and David Guyton, Blue Mountain, were train-bearer and crown-bearer, respectively.

The motif throughout the festival was the fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." Elizabeth Davis, Memphis, Tennessee, played the part of Hansel, and Jean Lovett, also of Memphis, that of Gretel. Norma

300 CHAPLAINS AUTHORIZED

The Chief of Chaplains has been authorized to return to duty three hundred (300) chaplains of various denominations.

Any chaplain who has served on active duty in grade not higher than captain, has an efficiency index of 40 or better, possesses general service fitness for overseas duty, has accepted appointment in the Chaplain Reserve or National Guard and desires recall to active duty should submit his application direct to the Adjutant General for consideration. Those who apply will be required to sign Category I or II, i. e. for an indefinite period or until 30 June 1947.

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The editor appreciates the following lines from Dr. Louie D. Newton, who has rendered a great service as chairman of the Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign: "It was a great joy to see you in your native heath and to observe the loyalty of the brethren toward you. Continue to lead Mississippi Baptists as editor of The Record."

Jean John, Jefferson City, Missouri, was the witch. Students in the Candy Canes dance were: Blanche Ellen Darr, Clinton, S. C.; Ethlyn Eudy, Cleveland; Jean Hilton, Nashville, Tennessee; Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness; Geraldine Lacky, Calhoun City; Jean McCarthy, Birmingham, Ala.; Tommie Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.; Jean Stinson, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Gingerbread Men Dance: Nan Barron, Crystal Springs; Emily Ann Bowden, Paris, Tenn.; Jamie Bright, Kingsport, Tenn.; Ouida Ferguson, Tutwiler; Jean Claire Mills, Kosciusko.

Sugar Plum Dance: Joy Beaty, Olive Branch; Joyce Bolton, Henderson, Tenn.; Doris Dempsey, Waltham, Mass.; Margaret Ann Hamilton, Memphis, Tenn.; Virginia Marbury, New Albany; Betty McClure, Greenwood; Lois Philpot, Holly Springs; Bettye Rose Driver, Humboldt, Tenn.

May Pole Dance: Gladys Allen, Louisville; Doris Ann Blackwelder, Kingsport, Tenn.; Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City; Savella Clark, Macon; Brooks Collins, Holly Springs; Merle Graves, Tutwiler; Frances Herrington, Memphis; Sue McGinty, River View, Ala.; Linda Overall, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Lillian Pearson, Laurens, S. C.; Betty Wallace, Oxford; Betty Winn, Laurel.

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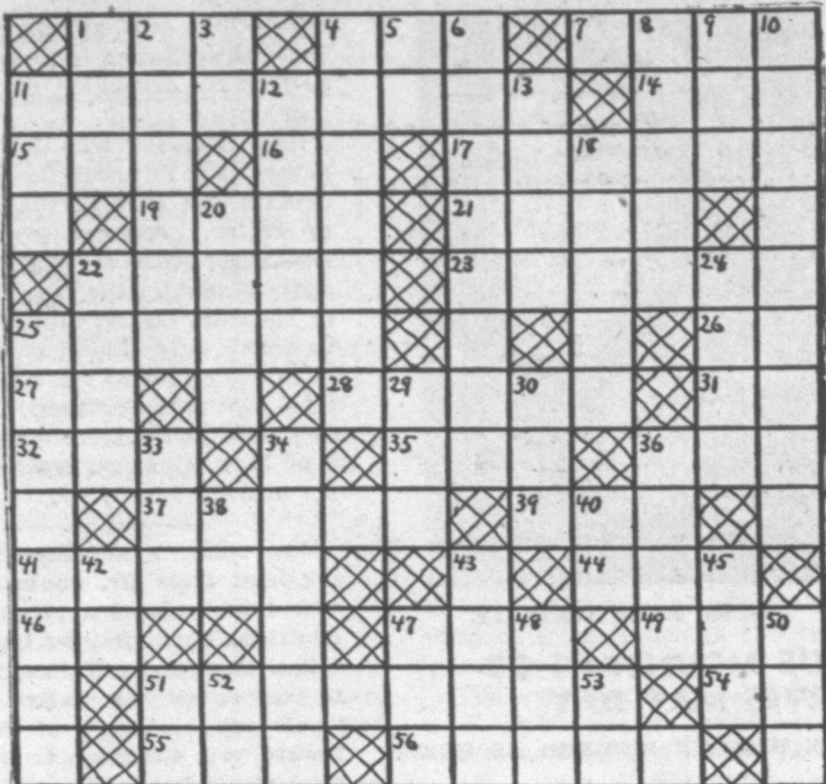
Note: Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis Will Speak May 25th
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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so."—Esth. 2:4.

ACROSS

- 1 "the maid was fair . . . beautiful"
- 4 "he set . . . royal crown upon her head and made her queen"
- 7 "And the . . . said unto Esther"
- 11 " . . . sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace"
- 14 Extinct bird
- 15 "If a man shall dig a . . ."
- 16 Pair
- 17 Resounded
- 19 "and sin as it were with a cart . . ."
- 21 Screw pine
- 22 "because the Lord . . . Israel"
- 23 "Sushan's Lovely Queen"
- 25 Coin of Peru; ride on (anag.)
- 26 From
- 27 "over . . . hundred and seven and twenty provinces"
- 28 Spy
- 31 Printer's measure
- 32 Exclamation of disgust
- 35 "all that handle the . . ."
- 36 "there is . . . law of his, to put him to death"
- 37 "every perfect gift is from . . ."
- 39 "Go, gather together . . . the Jews"
- 41 "The adversary and enemy is this wicked . . ."
- 44 High mountain
- 46 Size of shot
- 47 "extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name . . ."
- 49 "bore his ear through with an . . ."
- 51 " . . . came before the king; for Esther had told what he was to her"
- 54 New England state

- 55 "seal it with . . . king's ring"
 - 56 "out of the house of the . . . unto the king's house"
- Our Text from Esther is 1, 4, 7, 22, 23, 37, 39, 55, and 56 combined.

DOWN

- 1 Descendant of Gad I Chron. 5:15
- 2 Native sodium carbonate
- 3 Repeat sign in music
- 4 Ship worms
- 5 Part of the day
- 6 Feminine name
- 8 "There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of . . ." 1 Kings 22:8
- 9 New Testament form of Noah
- 10 "the country of the . . . , which is over against Galilee" Luke 8:26
- 11 "strong and . . . for war"
- 12 "a large . . . room furnished"
- 13 "fill the waters in the . . ."
- 18 "whosoever shall . . . this word"
- 20 "And Esther set Mordecai . . . the house of Haman"
- 22 Marine fish
- 24 "planted a garden eastward in . . ."
- 25 "Mordecai, who had taken her for his . . ."
- 29 American author
- 30 Time
- 33 Son of Noah
- 34 Against
- 36 Olio
- 38 The soul (Egypt. Relig.)
- 40 Note
- 42 "and fell down . . . his feet"
- 43 City in Maine
- 45 "they cast . . . , that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day"
- 47 "he had told them that he was a . . ."
- 48 An occupant of the ark
- 50 "bored a hole in the . . . of it"
- 51 Sinai was one
- 52 " . . . that men would praise the Lord"
- 53 That is

—BR—

In a letter to the editor concerning another matter, John W. Steen, Jr., Sp (W) 3c, U. S. N. R., wrote: "I eagerly look forward every week to receiving the Baptist Record. Since I have been in the navy it has come to mean so much to me—a strengthening of faith and an invisible bond with my home church and denomination."

Taylor A Papal Peer—It has just been revealed that Mr. Myron C. Taylor, USA envoy to the Vatican, was made a papal nobleman of the third rank on June 2, 1945. Under the constitution of the United States no peer of a foreign government is eligible to be a diplomatic representative of the USA.—United Evangelical Action.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

Mrs. Claud Bowen, Rev. and Mrs. Owen Williams, and Rev. C. Z. Holland. Fine fellowship prevailed.

Served as toastmaster at a supper meeting for an athletic group of the Clinton High School. We had a good opportunity to observe some of young America at their best. Hainon Miller, class president, Coach Robinson, Coach Fulton, Coach Allen, Dr. Newport, and Mrs. McCall were heard in brief words. We appreciate our young people.

VI

Holly Springs has just experienced gracious revival days with eighteen additions, eleven adults presenting themselves for baptism. Brother H. H. Aultman is the very fine pastor and Pastor Leon Macon of West Point did some great preaching. We happen to know this church does great things in giving financially to the work of Christ.

VII

In printing contributions to the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign an item in the amount of \$239.50 sent in by Heidelberg Church was overlooked. It was for the Baptist Foundation and designated Patterson Memorial. We are happy to make this correction.

VIII

We appreciate the following self-explanatory word:

"Transcript from the Proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation May 3, 1946.

On motion of Dr. R. B. Gunter, seconded by Mr. Rex Reed, the Trustees unanimously voted an expression of their appreciation to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and to Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, for the desirable allotment of office space in the new Baptist Building."

IX

The following letter regarding State Mission work among our negro work is self-explanatory.

"Dear Sir:

I want to express my appreciation to you in the matter of sending me the work done by your state board in reference to the Negro in your territory. When one sees the composite picture of what all of our State Mission Boards are doing, it makes you feel like we are accomplishing more than one would think. I am sending you a copy of our associational program from which you can see what we are trying to do on associated bases with our Negro brethren in Louisville.

Respectfully yours,

VICTOR GLASS,

Superintendent of Baptist Fellowship Center, Louisville, Kentucky."

—BR—

MISSIONARY APPOINTEE IS NATIVE OF DREW

Miss Edythe Montroy, a native of Drew, has received her appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionary in Nigeria, Africa. Miss Montroy is graduating at the Baptist Bible Institute. The church at Drew is rejoicing over this happy culmination to a useful period of service, and is honoring Miss Montroy in her new life work.

Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and grew up as a member of this church, with an abiding interest in spiritual things. Miss Montroy is a graduate of the local high school and of Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland. She spent three years in the teaching profession and then accepted a secretarial position at the Baptist Bible Institute and later became Registrar. Responding to a divine call for definite Christian service, she resigned her position and entered as a student to prepare herself completely.

The community, as well as her local church, her pastor, Dr. W. S. Hardin and other leaders unite in wishing for her the fullest joy in the years ahead.

—BR—

Among the recent engagements of Rev. John B. Laney, associational missionary in Prentiss county were: A. Sunday School study course at Oak Hill, in which a large enrollment was noted; religious census made in Gaston community, working with local helpers; teaching a Bible class at Gaston church; preaching at Oak Hill; preaching in the morning service at Fairview and in the evening at Baldwin. The Baptists are giving the missionary fine cooperation and his work is expected to be a blessing to the entire county.

Hazel Rogers, Yazoo City, has been elected president of the 1946-47 sophomore class of Blue Mountain College. Other officers named were Sue McGinty, River View, Alabama, vice-president; Anne Galloway, Nashville, Tennessee, secretary; Jeannie Jones, Baldwin, treasurer; Barbara Shipp, Louisville, Kentucky, representative on the student government council.

It is reported that serious-minded young men are slow about getting married these days. They don't seem to be able to figure out how they can support a wife and the government on one income.

We appreciate a recent check for \$33 from H. W. Davis for subscriptions for Blackwater Church, Kemper County.

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"Hail The Chief"

(To Dr. D. A. McCall: Eulogy by Chester Swor)

(Editor's Note: Dr. Swor has agreed to prepare articles concerning several outstanding Mississippi Baptists. Another article will appear in a later issue.)

When the history of Mississippi Baptist work in the twentieth century is written, the name of D. A. McCall will be accorded immortal priority; for, indeed, under his leadership, our work has experienced depths of spiritual power and heights of genuine achievement never before attained.

It is not necessary to present again the statistical tabulations which speak indisputable proof of progress. One who has been even casually familiar with our work for the last years will know that our numerical gains have been remarkable, that our financial income has been almost phenomenal, and that the scope of work as fostered by the convention board has almost doubled.

In this little eulogy, penned as a "bon voyage" expression upon the departure of our beloved secretary for his long-delayed mission tour to South America, these observations are in order:

1. He is a man of compassion. He loves our Lord, he loves our people, he loves our work. His heart has gone out constantly in compassionate love and interest: he loves the furthestest

Educational Director First Baptist Church Louisville, Miss.



A. Q. ANDERSON

Louisville Elects Educational Director

Aaron Quitman Anderson has accepted the position of Educational Director at First Baptist Church in Louisville. Pastor W. L. Day is rejoicing at the coming of this young man, who, before his entry into the armed forces was an outstanding worker in the church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderson of Louin, and received his college training at Poplarville. During the war he saw service overseas, being in several invasions, among these being the Philippines and Okinawa. He married the former Miss Ruth Reynolds, and they have a daughter, Amanda Ruth, three and a half years old.

Mr. Anderson's outstanding service in the church, his influence and life in the community, and his devoted love for the work led them to call him to his new position.

According to Pastor W. L. Day, he is eminently fitted to make an excellent success in the Sunday School, the financial secretarial work and in supervising the church properties. He is receiving a warm welcome by people in First Church and the community at large.

rural church and wants its pastor and people to know that they are wanted and needed in all our work; he loves the faithful ministers who toil ceaselessly under circumstances which are not always comfortable and remunerative; he loves the throngs of lost people and works perpetually for their salvation; he loves every department of our organized work and contributes with amazing versatility to every phase.

2. He is a man of vision. He has dreamed wonderful dreams for expanding our work and for increasing the spiritual effectiveness of our entire denominational ministry. New Departments (Brotherhood, B. S. U., Music, Baptist Foundation, for instance) with full time secretaries and extensive programs, new types of service (Preachers Schools, and innumerable sectional and district meetings, for instance), and new emphasis within many of our already-existent departments are some results of his effective vision. He has been wise enough to see, too, that if we do not help our Negro Baptist brethren now, the opportunity may not always

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 20—H. L. Rhodes, Convention Board Member, Choctaw Association; Rev. John E. Barnes, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

May 21—Miss Bess Eva Schilling, head bookkeeper, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. A. A. Coleman, W. M. U. Superintendent, District 2, Sunflower Association.

May 22—Dr. J. E. Wills, Mississippi College Trustee; Rev. R. C. Ryan, Sunday School Superintendent, Jackson Association.

May 23—Rev. S. P. Powell, Pearl River County, Convention Board Member; P. M. B. Self, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

May 24—Mrs. Webb Brame, Vice-President State W. M. U.; Rev. Winfred Moore, President District 4, Brotherhood.

May 25—Dr. Ira B. Seale, Blue Mountain College Trustee; E. N. Elsey, Professor of Music, Mississippi College.

May 26—Dr. J. L. Boyd, Member, Committee on Social Service; Miss Hermine Graham, Associational B. T. U. Director Itawamba County.

—BR—

Rev. A. C. Parker of Hattiesburg recently sent five subscriptions for the Baptist Record to be sent to five colored people. This is a fine gesture on the part of Brother Parker and we are sure these readers will profit from reading The Record.

be ours! He dreams of other commendable projects—a state-wide Baptist Assembly ground, for instance—which will unify and sweeten our fellowship.

3. He is a man of missions. In all of his myriad activities our esteemed Chief of Staff never loses sight of the Great Commission and has the feeling every hour of the day that if our work is not facilitating the spread of the Gospel, then the great purpose of it all is not being achieved. He loves the Gospel: loves to preach it, loves to speed its progress 'round the globe. Always dominant in his heart is the farewell greeting of our Lord: "Go . . . Preach . . . Teach".

So, as off on this long-deferred mission journey our cherished secretary goes, our love and prayers and abiding esteem will attend him. We shall pray daily that our God will bless and keep Dr. McCall and bring him to us again—refreshed, challenged with an even greater world-vision, surcharged with the spiritual power that has made him a leader without peer!

(P. S. Though Dr. McCall cannot possibly answer our greetings personally, don't you think that it would be fine for thousands of us to send him notes or cards of appreciation and best wishes? Then, take up your pen and send that note to him today—Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.)

—BR—

FORT MYERS, Fla.—(RNS)—With the backing of local business men, the Fort Myers Transit Company has arranged free "church buses" to provide transportation to the city's churches each Sunday morning. The buses go to outlying sections and pick up would-be worshippers on a regular schedule, returning them to their homes at the close of the services. The project is announced as a response to President Truman's recent appeal for a national spiritual awakening.

—BR—

Rev. A. Donald Bell of Kansas City has been elected Student Secretary and Professor of Religious Education of the Illinois Baptist State Association.



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Minister Ordained In Laurel Church

R. T. Liles was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Beacon Baptist church at Laurel. He was a deacon and director of the Training Union and an able assistant to Pastor W. R. Storie. He was employed as manager of the parts department of the Laurel Equipment Company. He planned to enter Mississippi College at once, and complete his education, having had two years in college. This was Beacon's first minister ordination service.

Rev. M. C. Irvin of Highland church, Baton Rouge, delivered the sermon. Laurel ministers as follows, took part: Rev. B. B. Hilbun, on "The Baptist and the Bible"; Rev. Jas. Parrish, on "The Baptists and the Lord's Supper"; Rev. J. M. Foye, on "Baptists and Baptism"; and Rev. George Nichols of Ellisville, on "Baptists and the Co-operative Program." Pastor Storie and the other Beacon members predict a bright and useful career for the young preacher.

—BR—

Home Mission Board Makes Loans To Churches

The church building and loan committee of the Home Mission Board, whose responsibility is to administer the C. B. L. Trust Fund given and specified for loans to churches, announced at the April meeting that loans had been granted to the following Baptist Churches: Park, Beaumont, Texas; Franklin Street, Jacksonville, Florida; Springdale, Birmingham, Alabama; First, Shidler, Oklahoma; City View, Knoxville, Tennessee; Cooper Street, Atlanta, Georgia; West Side, Natchez, Mississippi; and White Oak Hills, Decatur, Georgia. The total amount was \$61,700.00.

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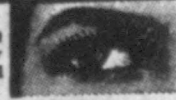
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Pastor's Conference Gives Endorsement

The Chairman of the Building Committee and the executive Secretary were invited to attend the Delta Pastor's Conference and present the camp plans and needs. The Conference gave its unqualified endorsement to the Campaign and the pastors committed themselves as planning to lead their churches to have a large part in raising this money.

The South Western Pastor's Conference was also attended at McComb and they enthusiastically voted to lead their churches in making their gifts.

Charleston Baptist Church, Charleston, Miss., was the first church to send in a gift of \$500 on the camp, since we entered the building campaign.

We have just received a gift of \$200 from First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.

The Gospel For Today

BY W. R. WHITE

The social gospel is thought by many to be the message for the hour. The gospel of Christ does have strong social implications but it is not a social gospel. It is a redemptive and regenerative gospel with social implications.

The gospel is not the ferment it has been in the past. It does not create great tensions and crises as it once did. This is true inside Christendom. The old time creativeness, tensions, and crises do develop in pagan lands where the gospel is forcefully presented.

This is due to the fact that the gospel is not taken so seriously in a land where it is taken for granted. Any idea, principle, or message loses in effectiveness where it is more or less assented to by everybody. It wears slick and loses edge. It no longer costs to make a formal profession of the Christian faith—in fact, it pays in some ways. In alien lands it costs severely to be even a nominal Christian.

The advocates of the gospel in Christian lands have narrowed its dimensions and cushioned its shock. The gospel should sting consciences that are not right with God and man. It should cause them to smart like proud flesh exposed to severe heat. The gospel is only good news to those who are weary of sin and are turning in revolt against evil in every form.

The gospel is not preceded by enough preaching on sin. Standards and ideals that fit the problems of today should be ceaselessly presented

till convictions and consciences are developed. Then these consciences should be probed to the depths. This will make the gospel good news.

The Wesleys, Whitfield, and Finney created great tensions in the social and industrial life of their generations. The masses were aroused and revitalized to a sense of their dignity and significance. Strange to say, they were first made to feel themselves to be miserable sinners. Many people came to sense the priceless value of human personality. It revived foreign missions and produced a ferment for better treatment of all men at home as well. Not only were the masses alerted but many among the privileged saw the justice of a new order. They became champions of liberation for the masses.

It is interesting to note that the first upsurge against slavery did not originate among the Unitarians and liberals but among evangelistic evangelicals.

There are two great sins, among many others, hurting us today. Our evangelism is pitted against none of the great basic evils of the day. That is the weakness of the conservatives. On the other hand, the liberals have emasculated the gospel for a social emphasis and for a very materialistic concept of social redemption. One group seeks to keep the gospel confined to the individual. The other seeks to remedy man's ills by improving material conditions. One minimizes social sins. The other minimizes personal sins. One approaches the individual through the masses, and the

Deacons Ordained By Logtown Group

Logtown Baptist church on April 28, ordained C. S. Strahan and G. O. Kerr, Jr., as deacons. The charge was made by Rev. G. W. Urbahns of Napoleon Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. Rev. W. W. Fordham, pastor of Napoleon church, Napoleon, Miss., preached the ordination sermon. Rev. O. P. Estes, pastor of First Baptist church at Picayune led in the ordination prayer.

Rev. Charles J. McBride, native of High Point, N. C., and a student at Baptist Bible Institute is pastor. Interest in the membership has awakened under his earnest and faithful leadership. Cottage prayer meetings are being stressed. Plans are under way to repair and repaint the church, and redecorate the Sunday School rooms, add a gas heating system, and in every way improve the property. Sunday School attendance has grown

other seeks the individual in isolation from the masses. The masses must be reached through redeemed personalities and redeemed thinking. True reformation is a consequence of dynamic experiences of God in Christ.

The big changes in American economic life have been partly due to Christian ferment but greatly due to tremendous pressure and political expediency. The liberated economically are not being redeemed spiritually. Unregenerate human beings possessed of great power and selfish natures are dangerous regardless of classification. To be in health and prosper as the soul prospers is the only safe balance for men and nations.

MARTHA WILSON

A tribute in memory of "Aunt" Martha Wilson, born June 9, 1870, died December 28, 1945 and a life-long member of Central Church, Rawls Springs, and a teacher in the Sunday School.

She served well and finished her calling here until the time came for her to join her Saviour. She will be sadly missed, but will not be forgotten.—C. E. Archer, church clerk and recorder.

—BR—

The Home Mission Board will move its headquarters again. On June 1 the Board will move from 494 Spring Street, N. W., to 161 Spring Street, N. W. The new location is just a block south of the Red Rock Building. The building now occupied was found to be inconvenient because of its distance from the center of things. It was sold profitably, and the new home near the original location promises better accommodations as to room and accessibility.

We appreciate a recent list of subscriptions sent in by Rev. L. D. Sellers, pastor, Mt. Pisgah Church, Carroll County, composed of fifty percent of the homes in that church community.

and a wide-awake W. M. U. is working. They sponsor a weekly Bible study. Some of the growth in membership has been made possible by families enlisted in Pearlinton as well as Logtown.

Among the visitors at the ordination were: Mrs. Curtis Askew, former pastor's wife, who, with her husband is now a Foreign Mission volunteer; Rev. S. J. Jones of Cedar Grove community, deacons and friends from Picayune and others. This church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record and has now 25 subscribers.—Reporter.